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Notes and Comments

How About Some Incentive?

We are not sure that a peace-time budget, instead of practically a full measure war-time budget again, would have done much to cure the unwillingness of people to work, for the tragic situation is that people, or many of them, do not want to work. Never was there a time when so many jobs were available and the plain fact is that the young man who stands around complaining that he cannot get a job, simply is not very keen on work. The Financial Post blames Mr. Ilesley for bringing down another wartime budget instead of relieving taxation, claiming that workers will not labor overtime when the government simply steps in and takes the money out of their pockets. The Post may be right, but that is only part of the trouble. There is a definite unwillingness for many young fellows to work unless they can get just the kind of job they think they would like.

The Post says in part:

This is the tragic situation which exists: Never before was there so much work to get done and never before was there less willingness to do it. We sit in a sea of shortages and yet millions of hours are lost in agitations about working conditions, in strikes and just plain lack of willingness to work.

Because of the lack of production, prices are climbing—and our incomes are being reduced—yet the people who have the most to lose from this inflation, the people who have most to gain by fighting back with a torrent of production, are being encouraged to "take things easy."

Languages

It is astounding to learn that today men use some 3,500 languages and dialects. Here is a note we culled:

There are 800 separate modes of speech in Africa, 130 in India, 97 in the Philippine Islands; 46 in Europe, and "42 languages are heard on the streets of Jerusalem."

The growth of the English language is remarkable. A hundred years ago we were told that it was spoken by 20,000,000 people. Today it is the language of 250,000,000, and with 60,000,000 who are able to use it sufficiently for business purposes, some believe that English "bids fair to become the universal speech."

Those Papers that Litter the Streets

It is hoped that before another summer is upon us, something will be done in Stouffville regarding the habit that is steadily growing of throwing paper and candy cartons on the street for someone else to pick up. Children cannot be blamed, because their elders do the same thing. Few even go to the trouble to walk to the curb with a real sticky paper.

It might help a lot if the merchants or the council placed suitable metal containers at strategic points in the business area, with wording on the container imploring everybody to help keep the town clean.

It would be a very nice gesture on the part of any merchant who wishes to help keep the street clean in this way, to place his own container, and perhaps have the firm name on it. The advertising would not do the donor any harm, and the accommodation would be a worth-while effort in helping to keep Stouffville streets tidy and attractive. Above all this, the teaching of children not to litter the thoroughfare with paper, is worth-while in itself. The lesson of tidiness is timely.

Hoodlums at Dance Halls

(Times-Gazette, Whitby)

There will be general satisfaction with the serious view taken by York County Magistrate O. M. Martin in dealing with the cases of ten youths and young men who were found guilty of an aggravated form of rowdiness at a dance hall at Wilcox Lake. The principal charge was one of obstructing the police and unfortunately the evidence showed that a fair percentage of onlookers took sides with the rough necks and against the police. Fines totalling \$870 were imposed, with alternative jail sentences.

"Unfortunately, three of the accused are returned men," said the magistrate. "I have sympathy with returned servicemen, but, nevertheless, they must learn to behave, and they can't let their service in the forces excuse them for their conduct in this despicable affair. I hope the penalties I impose will make you realize the law must be obeyed and that obstructing police officers is a serious offence."

Obstructing police officers is indeed a serious offence and there is far too much of it in and around dance halls, where a spirit of bravado seems to get into a certain type of individual who think they are a law unto themselves.

Attlee Appeals for Spiritual Leadership

Prime Minister Attlee, speaking at the annual assembly of the Church of Scotland recently, ventured to deliver a little sermon to the ministers of that body on the need for spiritual leadership. He spoke in these words: "No social system will bring us happiness, health and prosperity unless it is inspired by something greater than materialism. The world today has need of spiritual leadership. Whatever the difference between the various churches, they are as one in holding before mankind absolute values in setting standards of conduct beyond that of self-interest of the individual, the group or the nation."

Coming from the head of a Labor Government which came to power by promising to set up a social system that was to bring happiness, health and prosperity to the people by materialistic means, this appeal for spiritual leadership and its admission of the futility of social system to ensure human welfare is impressive.

New Respect for Price Control

One has gained a new respect for price control in Canada the past month, as we witness what was going on in the U.S. where the lid was lifted, and prices soared so high that many people on fixed incomes were embarrassed to make financial ends meet. As usual farm prices were slow to rise, while over night manufactured goods skyrocketed.

With the rush for commodities such as butter and meat which were freed from rationing, one just couldn't buy either in Detroit for days on end, and fair distribution was gone. Even to buy a loaf of bread one had to stand in line from 7.30 in the morning for long enough, we were informed by U.S. visitors in Stouffville.

The exhibition our U.S. cousins are putting on should serve as a warning of what could happen in Canada if controls and rationing were done away with too soon. Indeed, we all should heartily support ceilings until the present crisis is over, and that will be a year to two perhaps.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

With the leader of the Official Opposition, Hon. John Bracken, hinting that a Dominion-Provincial Conference should be called again for a "united front in the attack on post-war problems" and stories circulating about the willingness of several provinces to sign separate agreements proposed by Finance Minister Ilesley, these latter rumours are to be New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, though others may come around there is a considerable revival of "talk" about such a new meeting or its possibilities now along Parliament Hill and discussions seem to suggest that more news may be in the making than appears on the surface at the moment. At the same time it is pointed out that Premier King, who acted as Chairman of the last Dominion-Provincial Conference in Ottawa, may not be in this capital until late in September as he has gone to Paris for the Peace Conference.

The Acting Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, has moved in Parliament for the House of Commons to sit at 11 o'clock in the morning each day when in session and he said: "There still remains a lot of work to be done. Some of the measures yet to be dealt with seem to be non-contentious. Some of the legislation has already been very carefully considered in the sittings of standing or select committees and should not take up much more of the time of the House. There is, of course, other legislation which some honorable members will require to have further debated in the House. It is apparent that no matter how many hours a day the House sits it will still be a matter not of days but of weeks before we can get through the work that remains to be done, giving it that care which it is necessary in the public interest that it should receive."

With only one dissenting voice being heard, the Senate has adopted the report of the Committee on Natural Resources recommending taxation changes to encourage gold mining in Canada.

It has been made known in Ottawa that the Canadian passport office has been authorized to issue passports for any country, though there is a condition that the person obtaining such a passport must accept the undertaking to free the Canadian Government from any responsibility in regard to transportation. The undertaking is clear that the applicant would run into difficulties in matters of transportation.

The Dominion superintendent of Insurance, G.D. Finlayson, has informed the Banking Committee of Parliament that fire and casualty insurance was a hazardous business and poor people, who could not afford any financial losses, should not be encouraged to make investments in companies engaged in such undertakings. He opposed powers being given in certain respects when two Winnipeg companies, the Canadian Indemnity Co. and the Canadian Fire Insurance Co., presented bills before the Committee asking for amendments in their Acts of Incorporation which would give them the authority to reduce the par value of their stock to \$10 a share. The par value of the indemnity company is \$100 and the other company \$50. Mr. Finlayson opposed such powers, as stated, and said that it not a good time to permit companies to split their capital stock.

It must be reported at this time that the operations of the Industrial Relations Committee of Parliament have aroused considerable interest on Parliament Hill on account of the widespread labor unrest across this country now and its possibilities, with its activities in connection with the steel strike causing much comment in circles backstage since the continuation of this strike after the Government had taken over was interpreted as a sort of strike "against the Government" or "state." Meanwhile, it is to be noted that the Canadian Director of the United Steelworkers of America (CIO), C.H. Millard, in testifying in Ottawa, declared in part: "Until this labor dispute." He was referring to the Government's attitude in limiting increases to 10 cents an

hour, with the remark that claims have been made that this in effect had thrown collective bargaining out of the window.

"The aim of the committee is to try to have adopted a general wage pattern that will be satisfactory to all workers now on strike and prevent strikes where workers are now entering into the field of wage discussions with employers," said in Ottawa the secretary treasurer of the Canadian Congress of Labor Pat Conroy, in discussing the wage co-ordinating committee of the C.C.L. "I repudiate charges of coercion or using a big stick entirely," declared Rt. Hon. J. L. Ilesley, in the House of Commons. "Those charges are entirely unjustified." He was answering charges by the leader of the Official Opposition Hon. John Bracken, who claimed the Government was trying to bludgeon the provinces into surrendering their rights in Dominion-Provincial discussions. "The CBC can thrive and prosper on its present Trans-Canada network," said Harry Sedgwick, president of the firm operating CFRB, Toronto which has been notified that it will have to abandon its 860 kilocycle wave length to allow a second CBC station to move into Toronto. "When they start a secondary network they are getting into a very dangerous position...we should allow the CBC to develop as a public organization and operating and competing against it there should be private stations." "I feel that generally speaking the salaries of our Civil Service are too low to attract into the service the people we need to attract," said in Ottawa the leader of the C.C.F., M.J. Coldwell.

Major Gen. C.B. Price, president of the Canadian Legion's Dominion Command, stated in this capital that a good many married veterans in low income brackets were "terribly discouraged" because all their efforts "to secure decent living accommodation for their families at anything like the rentals they can afford to pay had been of no avail." Since May, 1945, the Civil Service of Canada, it is reported in Ottawa, has dropped about 10,000 men and women. Premier Angus Macdonald of Nova Scotia came to this capital for a "general" conference with Finance Minister Ilesley and the Deputy Minister of Finance, Dr. W.C. Clark, on the Government's proposals for new agreements on finance and taxation as outlined in the recent budget.

Incidentally, June sales of the Special Sales Division of War Assets Corporation totalled no less than \$2,035,191 for a cumulative divisional total of \$55,108,713. For the first quarter of 1946, the sum collected by the Income Tax and Custom-Excise divisions, that is for April, May and June, was \$595,587,685, revealing a decrease of \$22,570,009 over such collections in the same period of 1945-46. In urging curtailment of expenditures, a member disclosed in Parliament that he and others had received in the mail a sealed, empty envelope from the Reconstruction Department.

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UNCLE HY SAYS:

August, and the woods still green the fields are taking on a sheen, the corn in silk, the small fruits right, and the raccoons calling in the night. By lake and river campers cool no children yet a public school electric storms, too little rain, a beating on the window pane. August, and cool winds at night, the ducks are readying for flight, and records show it won't be long till frost and fall will be along.

HARVEST CRITICAL TIME FOR POTATO

The practice of destroying potato tops by spraying the plants with certain chemicals several days before digging the tubers is being more widely adopted, by the growers in Prince Edward Island, where potato production is a major commercial undertaking. Investigations carried out by the Dominion Plant Pathological Laboratory at Charlottetown and elsewhere demonstrated that late potato blight and rot could be prevented by killing off the potato tops towards the latter end of the growing season and leaving the crop on the ground for at least ten days. But there are other types of infection. Inquiries made among several local growers reveal the information that the method of destroying tops in advance of digging has never been tried by them.

TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

Destroy All Noxious WEEDS

THE WEED CONTROL ACT SAYS:

CLAUSE 5: Every occupant of land, or if the land is unoccupied, the owner shall destroy all weeds designated noxious by the regulations as often in every year as sufficient to prevent the ripening of their seeds.

CLAUSE 23: Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act or refuses to obey any lawful order of an Inspector, given under authority of this Act, shall incur a penalty of not less than \$10.00, nor more than \$50.00 for every offence.

Weeds have no place in a progressive township—Do your share to prevent their spread

W. G. Cassie, Weed Inspector, Twp. of Uxbridge

Advertisement for Stanley Theatre of the Stars. Features: 'Adventure' (Monday & Tuesday, Aug. 5 and 6) by Clark Gable and Greer Garson; 'Foto-Nite' (Thursday) by John Payne and Maureen O'Hara; 'Sentimental Journey' (Wed. and Thurs. August 7 and 8) by John Payne and Maureen O'Hara; 'Behind Green Lights' (Friday & Saturday, Aug. 9 and 10) by Carole Landis and W. Gargan; 'Code of the Lawless' (Friday & Saturday, Aug. 9 and 10) by Kirby Grant and Poni Adams; 'Do You Love Me' (Monday & Tuesday, Aug. 12 and 13) by Maureen O'Hara and Dick Haymes. Price: \$210.00 offer!

CATTLE RUSTLING AT KINCARDINE: Early last week when Mr. Ogle Russel of Kincardine township paid a visit to the farm he recently purchased from the C. J. McKinnon estate, he found 25 of his cattle missing. After making a thorough search of the premises the animals were found in the barn with all doors securely fastened. It is presumed that would-be cattle rustlers corralled the whole 80 head and turned out the five small ones which were not ready for market, for during the course of the search a strange car was seen to cruise back and forth past the farm. Unfortunately Mr. Russell released the cattle before he notified the police.

TWO UNINJURED AS TRAIN CUTS AUTO IN HALF

Two persons from Lake Orion, Mich., stepped out of their auto, groggy but uninjured, after it was cut in two on Friday by a Canadian Pacific Railway passenger train at a level crossing at Cooksville. The two—Betty Jean Thomas and Edward Hinton—were visiting at the home of Hinton's father, George and were taking a sick dog to R. J. Pinkney of Cooksville for treatment. Miss Thomas was driving the car. She stopped at the crossing, right at the veterinary's property, to let a freight pass and then drove right into the path of the speeding Chicago-Toronto passenger train. Wreckage of the car was thrown 100 feet and the engine was ripped from the chassis and tossed some distance away.

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