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**Notes and Comments**

**Radio Licence Fee**

A move is on foot in Ottawa where the big shots of the Government's CBC are in need of more funds to waste on piffing programs, to up the price of radio licences another 50 cents a year, thus bringing this obnoxious tax to \$3.

If this raise is made there is a possibility that the CBC will come in for a hail of public condemnation which will shake the federal project to its very foundations.

It is definitely established that Canadian listeners are opposed to any increase of form of extortion, for the doubtful benefits of such service as is being given by the CBC.  
 —Winchester Press

**That New Calendar Again**

Once more there is a revival for a change to a better calendar, one that would not be so upsetting as that in use. We who operate more or less awkwardly with the 193-year-old Gregorian calendar, fancy it is the only time-reckoner on earth—though we have some vague notions about the Jewish calendar and we may have heard that Russia still uses the Julian calendar, after trying out and discarding a curious five-day week six month calendar. But this is far from the end of the matter.

There are magazines in Yugoslavia carrying four different date lines. They use the Gregorian calendar, the Julian calendar, the Jewish calendar, and the Mohammedan lunar calendar. But a magazine distributed in the Near East and India can go no better—it uses also the Coptic and the Iranian calendars.

The Japanese calendar is still different. This is the 2,605th year of that calendar.

All this calendar confusion gives piquancy to the report that the perpetual and unchanging calendar evolved by Lieut. W. E. Edwards will again receive U.S. Congress consideration in the near future. United Nations delegates at San Francisco reviewed the idea and expressed unofficial approval. China and the United Kingdom have also agreed to consider the Edwards Calendar.

It looks sensible with its twelve months, divided into equal quarters of 91 days, and having New Year's Day as a separate day between the end of one year and the beginning of the next. February would have 30 days each year, so Leap Year Day would come at the end of each fourth June as an extra day before July 1st—making an extra long weekend for Canadians every four years.

There are at least three other plans to reform the calendar, including one to add an extra month called Sol.

**Parable**

The following parable, clipped from the editorial column of the Midland Free Press Herald points a moral that is all too obvious in this era of troubled labor-management relations.

"A man who ran a small chicken ranch needed wheat for his chickens, so he went to work for a farmer one day a week. The farmer paid him \$5 a day. He used the \$5 to buy wheat from the farmer at \$1 a bushel. Every day he took home five bushels of wheat.

"One day he said to the farmer, 'I've got to have more money. I'm going to charge you \$6 a day for my work.'

"I know how it is,' said the farmer, 'I've got to have more money for my wheat. Starting today, wheat will cost you \$1.20 a bushel.'

"After a while his wages got up to \$10 a day, and he paid \$2 a bushel for his wheat. The farmer said to his wife, 'Isn't it wonderful? I'm getting twice as much for my wheat as I used to.'

"The man with the chicken ranch said to his wife, 'Isn't it wonderful? I'm getting twice the wages I used to get.'

The age-old question of which came first, the egg or the chicken, remains unanswered. But in this first post-war year when the vital need is so obviously for reconstruction, surely this country has learned the hard way that the egg representing labor's demands for increased pay, bring the chicken, in the form of increased living costs, home to roost.

**OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT**

Written exclusively for The Stouffville Tribune by M. L. Scharf.

Ever since the report was made in Ottawa that from April to August of this year there had been revenues totalling \$1,147,712,609 against expenditures of \$996,598,408, indicating that the Canadian Government's financial position might show a sur-

plus of over \$151,000,000 for the first five months of this fiscal year, all sorts of stories have been written and each has painted a rather beautiful picture of a balanced budget or even a surplus for the year. This has caused misconceptions since Finance Minister Ilsey, in his budgetary speech some months ago had forecast not a surplus but a possible deficit of about \$300,000,000. However, in face of the rather surplus-appearing picture being painted now about the Canadian Government's financial position for the year, yet well-informed quarters in

**Messages Under the Sea**

When in Halifax a few weeks ago the writer was shown a vessel at anchor in the harbor that is equipped for repairing ocean cables running under the sea and which during the war performed some hazardous feats. Just as the telephone companies can locate a break in their lines, so breaks can be located under the ocean, and it is the duty of this vessel, one of two operating on the high seas, to go out and make repairs. One of the officers told us that often the vessel had to stand by for four and five days because of terrific storms when they could not work on the broken line of cable. The vessel, with powerful windlass at either end of the boat was most interesting, and the crew could tell of some hazardous experiences they had standing by for calm weather, while being hunted by submarines.

The cables used for transmitting messages across the ocean, do not lie on the bottom, but float at a distance of half a mile under the sea where the pressure is so great that it finds a level that sustains the terrific weight of the cable.

Probably before very long, messages will be transmitted under the sea without aid of a cable. Already it is discovered that sound can be transmitted directly all the way around the earth if the deep layers of the ocean are used as the transmitting medium. This was demonstrated by Dr. Maurice Ewing, associate professor of geology at Columbia University, who transmitted and picked up sounds across the width of the Atlantic Ocean and found that the signals had sufficient strength to have made a 25,000-mile journey and still be detected.

Dr. Ewing, carrying on his investigations as research associate of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, found that the ocean at a depth of about one mile has a sound transmission channel which permits signals to be sent extremely long distances due to a peculiar set of temperature and pressure conditions.

As a result of these investigations a means has been provided by which the depths of the ocean can be explored, the existence of shoals determined, the geological nature of the bottom ascertained, underwater volcanoes detected—such as caused the recent tidal wave in the Pacific—and a position-signaling technique developed by which the source or a signal can be determined with an accuracy of less than a mile.

Ottawa believe that there is not likely to be a balanced budget by the time this year ends, nor is it likely to produce a surplus. Revenues may go down and expenditures may go up for the rest of the year, producing an entirely different picture in the next seven months as against the first five months.

There has been a virtual parade of delegations to Parliament Hill recently and in each case these have been accompanied by requests for higher prices, especially on the part of delegations representing farmers and other connected with agricultural undertakings. As it is known, representatives from Saskatchewan and Alberta farmers came here to place their demands for "parity prices" squarely before the Cabinet and they found considerable sympathy for their requests of a guarantee that farm prices would not slump in future to the low levels of depression years. Another delegation of agricultural officials and potato growers from the five eastern provinces paid a visit to Ottawa to urge support of this year's potato crop prices, complaining that current prices were below the ceiling, even suggesting in some cases that shipments might be made to foreign markets like Latin America, though shortages of sacks, crate nails and shipping seemed to be obstacles in such a plan on an extensive scale. Still another group came to this capital representing the Dairy Farmers of Canada seeking "something to be done to raise prices of cheese, concentrated milk products and butter to satisfactory price levels more in line with other farm products today". In addition, there have been others and each delegation brought another and bigger headache for price control authorities in Ottawa.

It is evident in Ottawa that shortages across this country can be traced, among other things, to interferences in production on account of strikes or work stoppages due to labor disputes. In fact, in June no less than 70,000 workers were affected by such labor disturbances; in July, this number fell down to 49,000 and in August it was 42,000. Now, with the steel strike just another chapter in the story of labor trouble and other strikes being settled, industrial peace is expected to step up production across Canada where businessmen, a survey in Ottawa shows, intend to spend about \$1,170,000,000 this year on new construction, machinery and on repairs and maintenances.

After two weeks' discussion, officials indicate that United States 25-ounce bottles may be allowed to be imported into Canada to relieve the shortages here, with the 25-ounce mark blown in the American bottles being covered over by a printed sticker showing the Canadian measure.

Under the new contract between Canada and the United Kingdom for eggs, the quality of the eggs required for each of the 12-month periods of the two-year contract is the same as required by the 1946 contract but the price obtained will allow an increase of 1 cent a dozen over 1946 price to the producer in the spring buying periods and an increase of 2 cents a dozen in fall buying periods, with the value of the new contract being estimated at about \$80 million.

"I'm hoping that with the steel dispute tidied up, we can back into production, and production is what we vitally need," said in Ottawa the chairman of Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Donald Gordon. "If we get production really going, then we have not got much to worry about." "Canada and the United

States do so much business with each other that we forget we're doing it, we have done it so long that we take it for granted," remarked United States Ambassador to Canada, Hon. Ray Atherton, in an address in this capital. "May I presume to suggest that we have been economically married so long we always overlook our wedding anniversaries." "Some people feel labor unions are composed of dumb workers, very docile, guided by agitators who simply crack the whip and everybody follows," commented the president of the Canadian Congress of Labor, A. R. Mosher, in Ottawa. "But, in all the years I have been connected with unions, I have never felt I was a driver with a whip; I have never found the workers docile nor have I felt I was an agitator or a labor boss." "I don't think there has ever been so much laughter in our house as during those dreary years said in Ottawa. Mrs. Leonard Hancock who turned her house into an Air Force Officers Leave Club and played hostess to some 6,500 Canadian airmen in England during the war, being honored by a luncheon upon her arrival in Ottawa.

"This country is just emerging from a long period of industrial strife," declared Hon. John Bracken. "The fact is that we have had an economic civil war on our hands." "Too often it is said that those who fought in World Wars One and Two made their sacrifice in vain," said Lt.-Gen. A. F. Foote of the United States Army during a ceremony on Parliament Hill. "This is a fallacy. They died that we might live as free men."

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ate as publisher. Harry Skinner, Ottawa drug store proprietor, is a creditor for 38 cents of Joachim von Ribbentrop who has been condemned to death by the International War Crimes Commission at Nuernberg, Germany since the condemned man incurred this debt when he was a resident of Ottawa many years ago. Representatives of Canadian fur breeders, auction houses and fur journals held a long discussion in this capital on the advisability of adopting an advertising scheme proposed by the National Board of Fur Farm Organizations in the United States. Already the largest diplomatic establishment in this capital, the United States Embassy is said to be negotiating for the purchase of adjoining properties which would double its present size.

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