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Notes and Comments

A Hand for the Mitten

On Christmas market day an elderly lady stepped into the office of the newspaper, removed a pair of red mittens, and laying them down, said, "it would have been very cold on my fingers this morning, had I not gotten out these mittens. They are thirty years old."

We noted that the elderly lady's daughter wore a pair of wool gloves, probably wouldn't wear mittens, but why?

The Times of London recently drew attention to the fact that "ranking as a whole, ignorantly derides mittens as suitable only for old ladies or the baby carriage, and even wee babies, or very small children, are made to wear gloves, when they should be wearing mittens."

It is an acknowledged fact that men folk deride the mitten, as something beneath their dignity. Rather than be comfortable with mittens on, man will freeze wearing a pair of gloves.

But why should the mitten not be taken seriously? It may be that memories of the nursery cling to it—but against these may be set its record in the ring and in the Arctic. It is certainly warmer than the glove, and there is at least some force in the argument that it is better to feel one's fingers all thumbs than that not to feel them at all.

Cow Given Road Priority in England

We think the English version of what the country roads are primarily for is correct, and should be adopted in Ontario, where a farmer may be held for damages when a stray animal is in collision with a motorist.

Cows and horses, if they stay in their own neighborhood in England, have a priority over the motorist on the British highways.

The House of Lords made the ruling this month, in dismissing a cyclist's claim for damages received when in collision with a farmer's cow on the highway. Roads, explained Viscount Maugham, are "laid out largely for the benefit of owners of adjacent land, including farmers, and road users cannot expect to have them kept clear of animals."

The farmer should be given the same protection in this country, and motorists made to drive carefully enough on rural roads in that they should be required to be aware at all times for stray animals.

Do We Want a Christmas Market?

Unless the merchants of Stouffville wish it otherwise, the day of the Christmas market in Stouffville, is on its way out. There was a time when to have no big market day, spelled disaster to the business concerns of the town, but that is not the case today. Many merchants feel that their business has not suffered in the least since any real effort to hold a big market was dropped.

Probably the least effort in recent years was last Thursday. There were no prizes, no inducement to bring poultry here, other than the ordinary chance to sell that always exists, and least of all, there was no place to hold a market. Stouffville totally lacks that accommodation provided by a market place.

What poultry came in on Thursday was sold on the street and merchants said the farmers demanded of them the top retail price, hence there was nothing in the transaction for the merchant at all. They couldn't do business on that basis, hence much of the poultry sold went direct from farmer to consumer. Nor could you blame the farmer for that.

A suggestion that might be made, would be to hold a special Christmas shopping day in town, in lieu of the Christmas market, because the need for special attraction of some kind may be very apparent in a few years when competition becomes keen again. On such a day Christmas music could be relayed all over the business area, perhaps a gift for every child coming to town, or some other out of the ordinary thing that would be regarded by the patrons to town, as a mark of appreciation for their patronage over the year. Santa Claus in person would bring along 500 to 700 youngsters from over the district.

We are more convinced than ever that a big market is anything but profitable. Merchants lost money (those who did the buying). It is fairly proven that low, attractive prices all the time, well assorted stock and good service are better than anything else as a business.

**It's the Taxes That Hurt
 "Gasoline is Cheap...
 Only The Tax is High"**

That's a slogan to which American millions will soon be exposed. It's a good one. Canadians, too, ought to be reminded constantly and from every street corner and shop window, of the immense burden of taxation, of the multiplicity of taxes which if not entirely hidden, are at least seldom remembered.

We would like to see a lot more businesses tell us simply and bluntly how much of the money we pass across the counter goes to government.

Here are just a few samples.
 A gallon of ordinary grade gasoline (at Toronto) costs 32½ cents. Federal tax is eight cents, provincial tax is three cents, add approximately three and a third cents for other taxes. That means the fuel that makes your car go places is being provided for around 18 cents a gallon.

That package of cigarettes costs you 33 cents. About 22 cents of the amount is tax, only 11 cents for the cigarette store, the distributor, the manufacturer and the tobacco grower. This is a good place to put on heavy taxes of course.

Admittedly, those are among the most pungent examples available. All three are commodities which government finds convenient vehicles for squeezing money out of the populace.

But the principle of making it crystal clear to the consumer how much he pays in taxes would be good for business and good for government.

**This Is Intolerance
 (The Calgary Herald)**

At the moment, several hundred Witnesses of Jehovah are awaiting trial in Montreal and other Quebec communities. They are charged with distributing pamphlets illegally.

But the arrest of these people for the distribution of a scurrilous pamphlet is not the most regrettable action of the Quebec government. The most regrettable action—and

one which Catholics and Protestants alike should condemn—is the cancellation of Frank Roncarelli's liquor license.

Mr. Roncarelli operates a successful restaurant in Montreal, and appears to feel sympathetic toward the Witnesses of Jehovah. By way of showing his sympathy, he posted bail for 500 of them, to the tune of \$83,000. This so enraged Mr. Duplessis that the premier, who is also the attorney-general of the province, cancelled Mr. Roncarelli's license to sell liquor on his restaurant premises. The license was cancelled on the grounds that Mr. Roncarelli, by furnishing bail for so many members of the sect, had "identified himself with their odious propaganda."

We oppose these actions. And the reasons which prompt us to oppose them are precisely the same reasons which prompted us, last July, to support the efforts of the Roman Catholic minority in Victoria, B.C., to hold a procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament through the streets of that strongly Protestant community.

We believe that any religion, peaceful or aggressive, offensive in fact or offensive in fancy, must be tolerated all along the line. We do not believe the Catholicism of Quebec is so weak that its critics need to be suppressed; neither do we believe the Protestantism of British Columbia is so weak that it will crumble at the sight of a Eucharistic procession.

We believe that religious and racial toleration are supreme necessities in this country—more so, perhaps, than in any other country on earth. We believe that Canadians who practice intolerance or even appear to practice it, are doing harm not only to their own race but to all races, not only to their own church but to all churches, and not only to their own province but to the nation as a whole.

Engagement Ring

Romance has changed, too. Nowadays there is too much of the material side entering the picture, according to U.S. diamond merchants.

At their national convention, reports the Boston Post, it was brought out that most brides-to-be now accompany their fiancés when they buy their engagement rings, and it is generally the girl who makes the selection.

In the days of our mothers and fathers this would be unheard of. On the night he popped the question and was accepted he had the ring all ready to slip on the finger. And for days afterwards she enjoyed the thrill of displaying her surprise to her friends.

The modern way of selecting the diamond is merely keeping with the fast tempo of the times, the diamond men say.

Ball President Quits on \$10,000 Yearly Pension

This is a funny old world in some ways. We humans place such a variation on human worth or human effort. A base ball president has just been retired on a yearly allowance of \$10,000, called a retiring salary. Since it is much more than the average human could earn for his best effort in his active life, one is led to reflect on the question of the value of human effort.

Jack Miner's Simplicity

The last thirteen years of the late Jack Miner's life he was rated by several newspaper agencies as "Canada's best known Canadian in private life." While Eddie Guest, the Detroit poet, always referred to him as the best loved Christian in America.

The big thing that won the late Jack Miner's heart to his fellowmen was his simplicity. When Henry Ford visited him it was always "Henry." When Sir William Mulock paid his annual visit he was always addressed as "William."

He even carried this plainness in his bird banding activities. In 1909 when he started his bird banding he stamped WRITE JACK MINER on his bands. Everybody knows what the word WRITE means. In 1921 some twelve years later he was largely responsible in persuading the U.S. Government in banding birds to learn what percentage are shot in each state and province but they put on their bands "Notify Bio. Sur. Wash." which was the abbreviation of Biological Survey Washington. This proved very confusing because the Indians and Eskimos and several shooters didn't know what the word "notify" meant but they all knew what the word "write" which Jack Miner used meant.

The result was a goodly number would write Jack Miner about these Bio. Sur. Wash. bands because they didn't know what the word notify meant. Thus the U.S. bird banding was so confusing with such abbreviations.

The latest report is carried in the September issue of the Readers Digest, page 74, which reports an Alberta farmer who shot a crow with one of those bands which read "Wash. Bio. Sur." The farmer wrote: "Dear Sirs—I shot one of your pet crows the other day and followed instructions attached to it. I washed (Wash.) it and boiled (Bio.) it and served (Sur.) it. It was turrible."

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

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

Judging from the activities of the Cabinet and hints given in reports, it is now evident that some important decisions are in the making in Ottawa in preparation for the coming season of the Canadian Parliament opening early in the new year, with well-informed quarters suggesting that legislation may be related to the recent events in Dominion-Provincial discussions or talks, to the continuation of the controls, both rental and price controls, foreign affairs, etc.

In fact, in face of the happenings lately, it would not be surprising at all in Ottawa if price controls and rental regulations are brought forth as one of the earliest issues after the House of Commons opens and the usual formalities are completed. Somehow there is considerably more tension in this capital over issues bearing on controls since wage and salary controls were taken off than it has appeared on the surface and whispers have claimed that it is a "hot" issue as pressures for and against retaining such controls continue to reach the authorities here, with no unanimity existing even in official circles for every course to be followed in an orderly process of decontrol.

Likewise, in foreign affairs, there is a very important series of discussions to be considered and probably raised in Parliament. The same applies to Dominion-Provincial relations as well as other domestic

matters so that preparations for the coming session, which are now in the making in Ottawa, are obviously involving extremely delicate and significant decisions of the Cabinet.

It is evident in Ottawa that more generous pensions for Canadians may be on the way. At least, changes in the pensions scheme for the old or physically disabled men and women of this country are popular topics. It is known that a more generous pension plan is to be put forth when Parliament will meet by a strong supporter of the Government and this plan aims to bring about immediate consideration of pensions or allowances for all Canadians who are now not in receipt of old age or other pensions and who would be otherwise without any income or means of support, with a condition being that these Canadians have resided in this country for five years. Then again, old age pension regulations were discussed by officials at a recent Dominion-Provincial conference here that widespread and more generous pension schemes are on the way.

Following in the wake of a gathering in Ottawa sponsored by the Agricultural Institute of Canada, it has been reported that entrance requirements for Canada's Agricultural colleges are "as high as it is advisable to place them" right now since changes cannot be made until there were more high schools in rural communities or more advanced training facilities were available in such rural communities. Indeed, it was felt that the present standard is now on a level with

New Playings!
 Friday & Saturday, Dec. 27-28
 "The Falcon's Alibi"—Tom Conway
 "Well Groomed Bride"—R. Milland

Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 30-31
"Green Years"
 CHARLES COBURN AND TOM DRAKE

Thursday!
"Boys' Ranch"
 Jackie "Butch" Jenkins
 Jas. Gregg
 Wednesday and Thursday
 January 1 and 2
\$375.00 OFFER!

Friday and Saturday, January 3, 4
"TOKYO ROSE"
 Lotus Long Osa Massen
"Shouldn't Happen to a Dog"
 Carole Landis Allyn Joslyn

STOUFFVILLE STANLEY Theatre of the Stars!

Monday and Tuesday, January 6, 7
"BELLS OF ST. MARY'S"
 Bing Crosby Ingrid Bergman

Coming!

other professions in most of the provinces.

With the organization of the Atomic Energy Control Board, Arsenal Limited, and other bodies pertaining to science and defence, including the latest Defence Research Board, Canada has moved at top speed into the field of combining her permanent forces to be as "a further step forward in the effective organization of scientific research in relation to Canada's defence policies and to co-ordinate economically research problems common to the armed forces."

Canadian co-operatives are going to start a strong campaign, it is learned in Ottawa, for the revision of Federal legislation passed at the last session of Parliament making them liable to income tax, with the position being taken that the savings or surplus of a co-operative "which is derived from member business is not profit and therefore should not be liable for income tax." Parliament passed amendment last August after a Royal Commission on taxation of co-operatives had recommended the taxation of such organizations in Canada.

With higher salaries and better opportunities awaiting engineers and scientists of this country elsewhere, Canadian officials are seeking ways and means in Ottawa to keep these trained personnel in Canada, this having been the purpose of several meetings lately in Ottawa, including one involving the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers and Scientists which suggested that their salaries should be increased to stem the "export of brains"..... A group of about 60 members of the staff of the Department of Reconstruction and Supply have received notices of dismissal..... Likewise, it is said in Ottawa that the Canadian Inspection Board will soon disappear as an organization outside of the Civil Service..... Following protests from a fellow-diner, a German prisoner-of-war is said to have been removed from the grill room of a hotel in Ottawa by members of the Canadian Provost Corps. Worker on a district farm, he came into the grill room with the owner of the farm..... The severe shortages of plumbing supplies were emphasized right in the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa where a pipe shortage caused two washrooms to be closed pending repairs..... Dr. Charles G. Stoddill, Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, says that feelings of fear, guilt and inferiority are the main disturbances to children's mental health and that parents as well as teachers could be instrumental in promoting good mental health in children..... Few Canadians realized that the recent marriage in Ottawa of Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, Governor-General of Malaya, marked the first time in history that a British Governor-General was married in Canada..... A life-size oil painting of Sir John A. Macdonald was unveiled in Ottawa by Premier King at the Rideau Club..... Employee-employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Fund in Oct. reached an all-time monthly high of \$6,585,000, being up \$1,265,000 from Oct. last year.

