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Notes and Comments

Ontario Income Tax Not Wanted

If the Drew government finds it necessary to impose personal income taxes, no matter how small, it will be received over the province with disfavor, just as the Dominion tax is received. Even a small Ontario tax will necessitate no end of trouble for the tax payers, who will have to make out reports for the provincial levy.

Add to this the cost of collection, which is mounting the cost of collecting, and the picture will be more unsatisfactory.

It is to be hoped that some simpler method of raising money can be found. Dominion taxation on income starts at too low a bracket, because it wipes out the small wage chance to save.

Not in Accord with Public Opinion

A woman has escaped the gallows after being found guilty of murder by one jury, whose decision was reversed by a second trial. We do not recall ever hearing of a verdict so out of accord with public opinion as that given on Thursday at Hamilton when Evelyn Dick was acquitted.

A Tire Tip

Some motorists have deflated tires a few pounds during slippery weather, believing the softer tire is safer under such conditions.

Evidently this is a false notion. Skid tests on a frozen lake surface conducted by the National Safety Council in the United States have shown the deflated tires are no safer on ice.

Motorists are advised by these safety authorities to keep tires inflated to the exact requirement at all times—and slow down.

Daring Grandma

The 42-year-old grandmother who leaped 4,000 feet from an airplane to see how a parachute works—and landed without injury—had plenty of spunk. She had packed parachutes during the war and wanted to experience an actual jump. Of course, it was a daring stunt. She even had her knitting along with her. Most grandmothers, while applauding her nerve, will not have the least impulse to emulate her. Parachute jumping is for well-trained, solid young men.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

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

Prior to the start of the present session of Parliament, it was whispered in usually well-informed quarters in this capital that foreign affairs would assume a much more important place on the agenda than it has in the past and the latest events on Parliament Hill have confirmed this forecast, adding even a little more than it had been expected, especially after the Canadian Government had made it quite clear to the rest of the world what its attitude is towards the rights of these so-called "smaller nations" like Canada in framing the Austrian and German peace treaties.

In terms of unusual frankness for diplomatic manoeuvres, the Canadian Government has declared in Ottawa, including almost one full hour speech by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Hon. Louis St. Laurent, during a debate in the House of Commons, that this country wants to participate in the making of these vital peace treaties in a way which is in tune with its war contribution. In so far as this main principle is concerned, the Government seems to have the support of the other political parties in the House of Commons so that its voice on this subject is, in reality, the voice of Canada's people, with the remark that, when this statement was made by Mr. St. Laurent in Parliament, it was significant that the usually empty seats of the diplomatic gallery, of the House of Commons were occupied by several representatives of so-called "smaller powers," including Belgium, Australia, Czechoslovakia, etc. In other words, except for some constructive suggestions from the other political parties, the Canadian Government's demand for the rights of participation in framing peace treaties was backed by this nation as a whole and this is not important in judging the momentous declaration on foreign affairs which the Government has made to the rest of the world.

Behind this historic declaration in Ottawa there is the straight statement that Canada believes she, as well as others, should have been

given the right to work out the details of the peace treaties following the foreign ministers' decisions in the Moscow conference on the general terms, this being accomplished before these terms are made final for presentation to a general peace conference. It is understood in Ottawa that Canada did not oppose appearing before the deputies, as proposed, to give her views but Canada did object to term this as full participation in a proper manner to her status as a nation and her contributions in the war, with the degree of national unity on this point being indicative of the general attitude of unity in the declaration on foreign affairs submitted to the Big Powers in regard to the framing of the peace treaties. Indeed, Mr. Laurent spoke heatedly when he declared in Parliament that Canada was going to have a foreign policy of her own henceforth and was not going to be the instrument to carry out a foreign policy "made for us."

When Veterans' Affairs Minister Ian Mackenzie proposed the appointment of Hon. C. G. Power to the important special committee of the House of Commons on the Redistribution Bill, it started whispers that an appointment between the former member of the Mackenzie King Cabinet and the Liberal party was in the making. Earlier this session an open break between the former Minister for Air and the King Government was a topic of much discussion along Parliament Hill where Mr. Power has been a popular political figure since 1917.

Finance Minister Douglas Abbott has been asked to confirm or deny a report credited to a government financial expert that "every dollar spent on price control has saved the consumer at least \$55". However Mr. Abbott has replied: "I do not know who the government financial expert is and I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the \$55, but I can say that I am sure the money spent on price control has saved the Canadian consumer very substantial sums."

Members of a group of Royal Navy British Army and RAF officers paid a brief visit to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa on their way to Kingston where they will give a course in combined operations at the Royal Military College Staff school. At the same time a well-known British authority on industrial and reformatory schools, H.S.C. Rees, has come to Ottawa for conferences on juvenile delinquency, \$7,179,739. Liekwise it is shown that

New Playings! Friday and Saturday, March 14-15
 "Smoky"—Fred MacMurray

Monday and Tuesday, March 17-18
 "Monsieur Beaucaire"
 BOB HOPE AND JOAN CAUFIELD

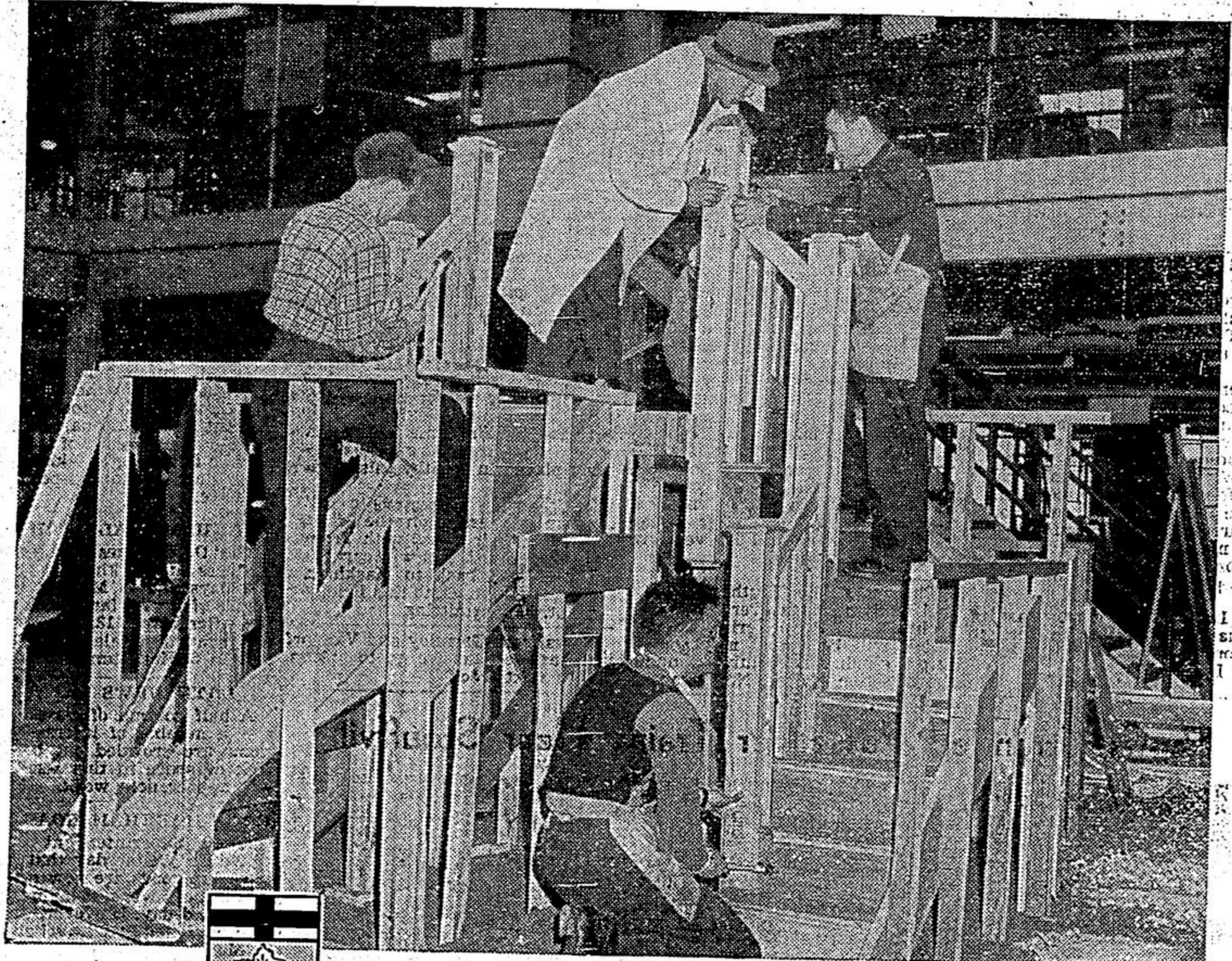
Thursday!
 "Cockeyed Miracle"
 FRANK MORGAN AND KEENAN WYNNE
 Wednesday and Thurs., March 19-20
 \$205.00 OFFER!

Friday and Saturday, March 21-22
 "THE BOWERY"
 George Raft—Wallace Beery
 "RAINBOW OVER TEXAS"
 Roy Rogers

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Monday and Tuesday, March 24-25
 "REBECCA"
 Laurence Olivier—Joan Fontaine

Coming!



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LEARNING TO BUILD

ONTARIO'S progress and prosperity are directly dependent on her ability to produce goods in sufficient volume to meet domestic needs and the demands of world markets. Never before has the demand for the products of Ontario's great industrial plants, her farms, mines and forests been so great. Production must be increased... and that requires skilled hands... skilled hands for plant expansion... skilled hands for industrial operations... skilled hands to provide homes for Ontario workers. And higher wages, job security, better working conditions are within easier reach of those who have mastered a skilled occupation.

Today, through the plan sponsored by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and other agencies, hundreds of young workers are being trained to meet the building needs of this province. Graduates of these rehabilitation courses are now ready to take their places in Ontario's industry. Available to you are veterans, well started on the road to skilled building trades such as bricklaying, plastering, plumbing, steam-fitting and carpentry. Seek them out with confidence. They are your future craftsmen.

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CARPENTRY

The Carpentry Course gives the student a basic knowledge in both practice and theory. His training ranges from bench work and the care of tools to the hanging of doors and the laying of flooring. Available at all schools, this course is the equivalent of third year apprenticeship.



Vocational training courses are offered at training centres located in the following cities and towns in Ontario: Toronto, London, Hamilton, Kitchener, Windsor, Ft. William, Brockville, Prescott, Kingston, North Bay, Ottawa, Guelph, Kemptville, Hailybury.

operations of the National Film Board since its inception have cost taxpayers of Canada no less than \$7,179,739. Likewise it is shown the estimated cost of tourist publicity this year is \$400,000. If United States sugar rations are raised, it is quite possible that a somewhat similar increase may follow in Canada according to reliable information there. Trade Minister MacKinnon has stated in Ottawa that he was "quite sure" consideration might be given to increasing the price of eggs to offset a recent jump in the price of wheat used to feed poultry. When the French picture, "Les Enfants du Paradis", was banned for showing in theatres in this capital it was screened at the French Embassy here to invited guests only. No less than about \$1,500,000 has been left in Canadian banks awaiting claimants owing to negligence or other carelessness of depositors, it is reported in Ottawa up to the end of 1946. The National Film Board production, "Exercise Musk Ox", made quite an impression on an audience called together by special invitation when it was shown in a theatre in this capital where members of the armed forces, diplomatic services and other government officials were given an opportunity to see Canadian ingenuity at work in conquering the Canadian north in mid-winter. (Reproduction prohibited, 1947, Federal Features Syndicate).

W.P.T.B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—Why do you try to tell us we receive 75 lbs. of sugar per year when anyone in the second grade at school can count the number of lbs. we receive?
 A.—At no time have we ever said each ration book holder receives 75 lbs. of sugar per year. Sugar is a world commodity and Canada receives a fair share based on the number of persons living in this country. That share must be distributed between the holders of ration books and industrial users such as bakeries, soft drink manufacturers, candy manufacturers, etc. The total amount of sugar used in Canada would probably amount to 75 lbs. per person per year. Each person receives the sugar purchased with ration

coupons, plus what is containing sugar which they purchase. We hope this explains the situation... if not... please send in your name and we will write you personally in more detail.

Q.—Why do we permit soft drink manufacturers to have such large amounts of sugar when children would be much better off without this stuff?

A.—Children are not the only ones who enjoy "soft drinks." The manufacturers have spent many millions of dollars building up large plants, etc. and it would not be fair to single out any one industry and cut off their supply of sugar. They are entitled to a fair share as well as anyone else, and, too, if they had no sugar at all a great many people would be thrown out of employment.

Q.—If the United States citizens receive five extra lbs. of sugar on April 1st, why can't Canadians receive the same amount?

A.—It is rumoured that the U.S. ration will be increased... it is also rumoured that the Canadian ration will be increased... but we have no definite information on this matter.

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