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Notes and Comments

Start to School at 7.50 a.m.

Time-table for buses serving Bradford High School next term are announced in the Bradford Witness, showing that one bus starts at 7.50 in the morning to reach Bradford at nine. That's a very early hour to start out for school, and allowing the bus to leave the school in the evening at a reasonable time after four, the students will do well to be home in time for six o'clock tea, especially in winter season. We still do not understand why so many are enthused about large high school areas that leave very wide-open spaces without a school.

Those Fields Grew Something

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates that there will be sixty-two million bushels of wheat less this year, because farmers were unable to plant due to wet weather. Many newspapers have commented on this loss of wheat as an out-of-pocket sum of \$125,000,000 for the Canadian farmer.

We think the view is rather stretching an unfortunate situation a bit too far. As we see it, if the farmer did not plant the wheat he is in pocket the cost of seed, and labor, or the seed at any rate. Then again, many of those fields, perhaps the majority of them, not sown to wheat as intended they should be, probably grew some other crop, which these editorial writers take no thought of.

The picture is not quite as bad as it is painted in many daily newspapers.

News From Vermilion

Something different in the way of utility news was reported from Vermilion, Alta. last week. Instead of a municipality taking over a privately owned power plant the role was reversed.

After 33 years of municipal ownership ratepayers of the town have voted to sell their power plant to a private company, Canadian Utilities Ltd., of Calgary. The latter has agreed to cut rates 30 per cent, retain employees and will shortly be paying a much increased schedule of wages.

Moreover on the new \$250,000 district power plant Canadian Utilities is soon to build, some \$5,000 will be paid in taxes to Vermilion each year.

In the last few decades so many privately owned utilities have been absorbed by provincial and municipal authorities that the public is apt to think that this trend is inevitable. And because the owners are not liable for taxes and can turn some of that saving back to consumers in the form of rate cuts, the public is liable to think that public ownership is more economical. Ratepayers in Vermilion, however, do not seem to agree and they have found a private company willing to stake a good many thousand dollars on its ability not only to turn out cheaper service but to pay taxes too.

Coal is Slipping

Coal has been the main source of heat and power for so long a period that it may be difficult for mine owners and miners to realize that it is taking second place, and will probably continue to recede steadily as time passes.

Just in the small community of Stouffville, there are said to be forty furnaces that once consumed coal, being operated by oil or gas.

A report of the United States Bureau of Mines shows that in 1936 the statistical score was 13 points for coal and 8.9 for oil and natural gas. Today the score is 17 for oil and gas and 14 for coal. If the trend continues—and there is every reason to believe it will—a lot of miners will have to seek new occupations.

The demand for oil fueling is hampered at present by the lack of oil tank cars on the railroads, but as steel output increases there will be thousands more available. Another way in which steel will figure in the situation is by the construction of oil and natural gas pipe lines. When the many schemes projected are completed, there will be much greater use of these supplies.

The result will be both a gain and a loss to the railroads because they will lose heavily in coal freight which is one of their biggest items of traffic. On the other hand, coal is costing them more and is further increasing their expenses, the more recent boost in miners' wages adding millions of dollars to their fuel bills.

Water a Great Boon

From the Kitchener Daily Record comes an editorial on "Water a Great Boon," and the paper proceeds to estimate on the amount of water required daily for a person and for live stock, and while we imagine the figures are very liberal, they do emphasize a very important thing.

The editorial says: "In this land of many lakes and rivers, with water everywhere, we are anything but economical in the use of water, except when temporary emergencies arise.

Did it ever occur to you how much water does go down the drain at home? Or did it ever occur to you that the more and better the facilities, the greater the use of water per person?

Running water in houses and buildings saves carrying up 100 pails a day. With 15 cows, two horses and four persons on a farm use 80 to 100 pails a day. Livestock requirements are fairly steady but the human consumption varies greatly, depending on the weather and conditions. If you have to carry it from a pump outdoors, it is eight gallons a day. With complete plumbing installations and no water shortage it is 30 gallons a day. Consumption in the house varies from one gallon each time a wash basin is used to 20 gallons for a bath.

Just how the water disappears is shown in the following statistics in regard to persons: If water carried 8 gals; if pump in kitchen 10 gals.; faucet in kitchen 12 gals.; hot and cold water in kitchen, 18 gals.; complete plumbing, 30 gals.; bathtub each time used, 8 to 20 gals.; closet each time used, 3 to 5 gals.; wash basin, each time used, 1 to 2 gals. Sprinkling the lawn takes 8 gals. for every 100 square feet, soaking it 20 gals.

If you are a farmer figure 15 gals. for each cow, 10 for a horse, 2 for a hog and half a gallon for a sheep.

These figures indicate as nothing else could the great reliance we place on water in our daily lives. Next to air, it is the cheapest necessity known. Without an abundant, pure supply life would be a great deal more complex."



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One of the most energetic of the governmental bodies in this capital is the new Standards Division of the Dept. of Trade and Commerce which is endeavouring to protect the people by establishing basic standards for commodities so that honest merchants as well as consumers may be assured of a square deal. Of course, the newly organized body is moving slowly in this delicate and difficult assignment, but it is already a great reputation in a wide variety of fields, including textiles, household appliances, etc.

While there is much sympathy with the civil servants in Ottawa where the heat is excessive during the summer and they must work under these conditions, yet the quite common practice of government offices closing suddenly and without notice on this ground after working only a half day to 12 or 1 o'clock is beginning to annoy many people who have to transact business with these offices. After all, it is argued private enterprise employees cannot be suffering more from the same heat than the government workers, who number about 30,000 here, but these continue to carry on the work whereas government employees leave work at about noon, most of them being seen later either in shows or engaged in shopping in downtown Ottawa. The tax payer pays.

It is no secret any longer that some sort of black market in used cars or rather so-called used cars since new cars are driven around the block and sold as such at fantastic prices by some people. Now, an official report here has shown that factory shipments of made-in-Canada motor vehicles in the first five months of 1947 have involved 45,419 passenger cars for sale in Canada and 18,903 for export, totalling 64,322 cars. Likewise, in this same period 25,439 commercial vehicles, including trucks, were involved in such shipments for sale in Canada and 15,009 for export, with the total number of such trucks being 40,448. In addition 12,988 passenger cars and 3,728 trucks were recorded as shipments of vehicles imported from the United States in that same period of five months, offering a pretty good idea how many cars were exported and how many reached the open Canadian market.

The Human side of Ottawa can be seen in the efforts being made now by officials concerned with employment to get work for men of sixty years of age and over, with indications that considerable success has already been achieved and the reasons for this success is a compliment to these older men. It seems that officials have found that these men are willing to work nights or evenings and to accept jobs where there is no pension, no assurance about a future, etc in sharp contrast to younger men who want easier, shorter hours, and other inducements. In every way, the results of the efforts to get them jobs, it is whispered in Ottawa, has shown some mighty strong signs of good character on the part of this so-called "older generation" who have to earn their livelihood, though advanced in years.

It is learned in Ottawa that the authorities would investigate the complaints in a petition reportedly signed by 700 convicts in a Canadian penitentiary against the inadequate food served to the prisoners, with this arising out of the escape of three long-term prisoners from a penitentiary one of whom it is said had mailed this petition. However, it may be added that it is known here that inadequate food complaints are quite the common excuse when there is a prison break or disturbance.

Inquiries by the newly reorganized standards division of the Dept. of Trade and Commerce in this capital have revealed that some manufacturers have not been as careful as they should have been in calling an ounce an ounce in the making of the baby's bottle so that, when infants are placed on a very careful diet as to quantity of milk, they may be short of their needs. It may mean the difference between proper nourishment and undernourishment for the infants, with this having been drawn to the attention of the authorities here.

"The Civil Service Commission is going to do everything it can to find jobs for the older man," remarked Charles Bland, chairman of the Civil Service Commission of Canada in discussing the problem of the sixty plus man who needs work today. "If you refuse to buy

SELDOM SEEN

If there is one time of year more than another that I think the city folk miss out on the things worth while in life, it is that of living in the country at this season of year; it is the preserving season and as I sit in the old rocker just beyond the kitchen door pungent smells reach me from within, and says it is pickling time.

It makes me reflect on our good fortune that with prices sky-rocketing and people living more and more out of cans, while prices soar, our prices or costs are not much changed. We grew from a small garden all the onions, cucumbers, tomatoes, etc., that we need for preserving. Our city cousins have lost the knack, if they ever had it, of this sort of thrift. Most of them do not stay home long enough to do preserving, or they have not got cellars suitable to keep fruit in. Just now I get the smell of vinegar and spices combined with the odor of cucumbers fresh from the vines. It comes from the pickling kettle, and there is no mistaking it. The cucumber reaches its prime, the dil spreads its aromatic seed head, mustard and tumeric and bay and pepper corn, are all assembled, vinegar and sugar and salt are brought to hand. The pickling begins.

Try to list the varieties of cucumber pickles? It can't be done, for there are variations within the varieties by areas and regions, and even by individuals. Some are sweet, some are sour, some are salt, some aren't, the cucumbers may be sliced or quartered or pickled whole; onions may be added, and garlic may add its persuasive flavor. And there are even the all-inconclusive assortment that call for string beans and carrots and cauliflower as well as cucumbers. But spices and the vinegar, spice for two things are never lacking—the pungence, vinegar for tang. And no honest pickle was ever made that failed to include the cucumber. Pickled onions have their virtue and pickled beets are pleasant members of the family; but they are both variants and, to some extent, substitutes.

Relishes come later, for the best of them include green tomatoes, rescued from imminent frost, and And then the tang of the pickling sweet peppers, and late cabbage. Kettle will set the air to tingling once more. But right now that tang is the sign that cucumbers are being properly glorified for discerning mankind.

GYPSY SMITH DIES AT 87

Gypsy Rodney Smith, 87, soft-voiced British evangelist and advocate of the old-time religion who persuaded thousands of sinners to follow him along the sawdust trail, died aboard the Queen Mary.

Cunard Line officials said the death was due to a heart attack and that Smith's second wife, the former Mary Alice Shaw, was with him when he died.

Smith, a pure-blood Gypsy, had visited the United States more than 30 times and had preached in many of Manhattan's finest churches, including the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and the Calvary Baptist Church.

"But Mr. Smith was at his best in a tabernacle," an old acquaintance at the Salvation Army's headquarters said. "He was not an explosive speaker, such as Billy Sunday. He approached his audience with kindly, fatherly understanding. But he was extremely effective. Before he had finished the sinners would be streaming forward to be saved."

"He must have converted uncounted thousands during his lifetime."

Smith was born March 31, 1860. He was one of the early officers of the Christian Mission, the name of the Salvation Army from 1865 to 1887. Later he broke with General Booth but always remained a staunch friend of the Army.

"I was born under a hornbeam tree in England's Epping Forest that they tell me was several hundred years old," Smith once said, in talking about his early days.

"I began preaching under that same tree when I was 18. When I found about Jesus, I couldn't read English. I never slept in a house until I was 18. I began asking questions about Jesus after an old lady bought clothespins from me

it at such a price you will force industry to bring down the price," was the advice of Drummond Wren general secretary, Workers Educational Association, during an address in this capital against rising prices in Canada. "There is room and employment available in Canada for large numbers of British-born immigrants," Hon. George Dunbar declared in this capital.

Complaints are reaching the capital that bicycle tubes are most difficult to get at the present time though bicycle tires appear to be plentiful now.

The disclosure that there will be establishing a new industry in the Gatineau region nearby Ottawa involving a cost of between \$2 and \$2.5 millions in the capital.

New Playings! Friday & Saturday, Sept. 5-6 "Fabulous Dorseys", Tommy Dorsey "Fear in the Night"—Paul Kelly

Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 8-9 "Shocking Miss Pilgrim" BETTY GRABLE AND DICK HAYMES

Thursday! "Magnificent Doll" GINGER ROGERS AND BURGESS MEREDITH Wednesday and Thursday Sept. 10-11 \$295.00 OFFER!

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13 "Two Years Before the Mast" Alan Ladd—Brian Donley

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Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 15-16 "CARNIVAL IN COSTA RICA" Dick Haymes—Celeste Holme

Coming!

gave me a Bible." Smith was married first in 1879 to Annie E. Pennock, who bore him two sons. Mrs. Smith died in 1937. In 1938 he married 26-year-old Miss Shaw, a theological student. The ceremony was performed in Los Angeles by his son, the Rev. Albany Rodney Smith, now 59, of Mystic, Conn.

23 SHEEP KILLED

Lightning can be quite as destructive to a flock of sheep as mutton-eating dogs, a farmer in West Wawanosh township learned last week. A flock of 55 sheep pasturing on an out-of-the-way unoccupied farm was depleted by 23

killed by lightning in a recent storm. The loss was not discovered for some days.

HOW MUCH A COW'S TAIL?

How much is a cow's tail worth? is a poser a magistrate had to decide in a court in Buffalo. A dog bit off three inches from the tail of a heifer, and the magistrate decided to award the farmer, owner of the animal, \$40. The payment will be made from the sheep and dog fund, such as we maintain here in Ontario through the dog tax which is supposed to be used for reimbursing owners of live stock who suffer loss from marauding dogs.

You Can't come to **Stouffville Youth for Christ** Saturday Eve. 8.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church

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