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Notes and Comments

A Suggestion to Township Councils

A rural farm lady has requested The Tribune to make the suggestion through these columns to the various township councils, that they reserve space in the paper to carry the name of police officers, so that farmers or others would become familiar with the officers or their telephone numbers, in case of emergency. The Altona lady's sponsored idea feels that all farmers should know where to appeal for help in case of emergency.

Must Save Power

A return in the immediate future to the "dim out" which resulted in electric signs and show windows being darkened at night during the war was envisioned at the annual convention of the Eastern Ontario Municipal Electrical Association at Kingston last week when it was announced by Ross Strike of Bowmanville, one of the commissioners of the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission, that Ontario is facing disaster if power consumption is not reduced.

Mr. Strike suggested that legislation might be sought from Parliament to enforce power conservation if the voluntary appeal did not work. It has been known for some time that the province's power demand was such that the H.E. P.C. could not keep up. Every effort is being made to bring new developments into production but this will take time due to the shortage of material and the time element required for construction.

During its meeting the E.O.M.E. Association passed the following resolution:

"Because it is necessary to make the most efficient use of power supply at present available to the users of electrical energy in Ontario, the Hydro Electric Power Commission be requested to submit to all hydro municipalities a list of desirable methods, which might be used by local commissions for conserving power, so that municipalities may pursue a definite and common policy of power conservation."

"That the Hydro Electric Power Commission be requested to send a letter to all hydro municipalities reviewing the power situation, so that local commissions will be adequately informed regarding the overall demand for power, and the supplies available to meet it and that may deal intelligently with any new demands for power which may arise in their municipalities."

It is to be hoped that all residents of the province will co-operate with the authorities along whatever line of conservation it is decided to follow so that the flow of goods to consumers may be maintained at least at a reasonable level.

A Waste of Paper

The Bracebridge Herald has a timely word of protest against the announcement that two more government publications, no doubt of a statistical nature, will shortly be issued by the Dominion Government. It reads:

"Announcement has been made by the Department of Labor at Ottawa that three more publications are being instituted in that department and that reports will be sent out regularly. With the present flood of printed matter from Ottawa it will be bad news to newspaper people and others that this is to be increased. Statistics on this and that, sketches of proposed plans, the opinions of one official and another, little of which has any general interest to

the public and certainly no newspaper value, come to hand every mail each day.

Most newspapers editors have no time to read them and in business offices mail matter such as these seldom reaches an executive officer.

But aside from the nuisance of receiving this flood of publicity, mostly Government propaganda, there is the unnecessary expense to the Canadian taxpayer of the preparation of these reports, etc., as hundreds of people are required in their production. Postal employees, especially in the country offices, have the added burden of looking after them and altogether it is for all practical purposes just a waste of good paper. Much of the information for many of these reports must be gathered from private business people, who are plagued by the incessant demand for reports on this and that. One business man in Bracebridge told us a short time ago that in his business a clerk is kept busy all the time making up data for Government reports, most of which did not seem to him to be necessary or of value.

Most business firms, especially the newspaper offices could do without this flood of printed matter. The clerks in Government departments who are employed in its preparation could be put to more useful work and a lot of money could be saved to the Canadian taxpayer."

Condemns Packing House Strike

Half a million farmers are unable to market a major product and face staggering feed bills and heavy dockage from overweight live-stock as a result of the packing house strike, declares The Financial Post. At least half the consumers of this country are going to be forced to go without meat. Vitally needed bacon and beef exports to Britain will have to be discontinued.

At a time when most of the world is critically short of food, millions of pounds are going to be wasted here. Beef cattle, lambs, hogs and poultry are perishable products. When they are ready for market every day lost is getting them there means extra feed that should be going into younger growing animals and lower quality when the held back stock finally reaches the packer.

Way to Prosperity, Not by Spending Says Mr. Gardiner
 At the third conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) recently held at Geneva, Switzerland, The Right Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, and Canada's Delegate to FAO, speaking on the World Food and Agriculture situation said in part:—

"Canada is a surplus food producing country because of her broad spaces which are sparsely settled.

"The Chairman's request for plans to induce greater production of food encourages me to say that the greatest encouragement can be given in Canada not by spasmodically high prices to meet special conditions but by stability on a reasonable basis.

"The discussions have indicated that this stability can be promoted through international organization under FAO; through multilateral agreement or through bilateral contracts.

"Canada prefers the first two methods in preference to the last, but experience has shown, first because of the necessities of war and later as a matter of co-operation, that it is easier to have bilateral contracts on all the staple food products of which we have surpluses. These have served a good purpose in establishing that security necessary to increased production. It is not our intention to abandon them until mutually better results can be obtained either through multilateral agreements or international understandings through FAO.

"We also believe that much can be done to assist in our problems related to shelter, clothing and food, which I think are fundamental, by shifting population. We are laying plans to double our population over a term of years"

Mr. Gardiner advised those in Geneva to utilize some of their time reading some of the teachings of Calvin and Knox to remove fallacies based upon the idea that either nations or individuals can spend themselves into prosperity.

He complimented Britain upon taking its austerity immediately following the war in the hope that prosperity would follow rather than grabbing prosperity now with austerity sure to follow.

Now Playing! Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3-4
 "My Favourite Brunette"—Bob Hope

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EDITOR'S MAIL

The Editor,
 Dear Sir:—

It is good once again to see the "Welcome" sign out for emigrants from the Old Land. Canada needs them. More so the Banner Province of Ontario, with its empty acres, its vast, virgin timberlands, and its busy cities.

It took the ingenious mind of Premier Drew of Ontario to set the pace for this new migration with his novel and daring air emigration schemes. Under this plan over seven thousand of the best of the Old Land's youth have registered for passage, and over one thousand have already arrived and are becoming rapidly settled. This plan is setting an example to other Dominions whose waste places cry out for settlement.

But Ontario is leading the van. Every time a silver sky ship touches down at Malton airport, outside Toronto, it adds at least forty new Canadians to the Dominion's twelve millions.

How different is this to what it was when I came to Ontario over forty-three years ago! No seven-league boots for me, which would transport me over the Atlantic in less than twenty-four hours. It took me eight days to cross, and that in a vermin-ridden cattle boat. On landing in Ontario in the blackness of a cold March night, I was met by strangers who filled my hungry stomach with left-overs and handed me a farm job at eight dollars a month and keep, for five o'clock the next day.

Farm work was hard work in those days. But it did me no harm. I had none of the amenities of this modern age. After almost three years on the land, I graduated in turn to bush worker, railroad construction hand, hod carrier, etc., etc.....then newspaperman!

That was the acme of my desire. After thirty-five years, I am retired on a competence, with a home of my own, a family happily married, a nice garden in which to laze and dream of that far off day when I shook the dust of the humdrum textile town from my feet.

As I said before, what a contrast to now. Air emigrants to Ontario land after sixteen hours, are whisked by motor car to the gay city of Toronto, and there handed a banquet and a job before they have had time to recover their breath. If they cannot make good after that, well.....I wonder what their pioneer forbears would say!

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Three Auctions One Day Announced

In our sale register this week no less than three auctions are advertised for Tuesday, Oct. 7. They are well spaced out however. One is Boskell sale between Whitby and Oshawa, another is the Lawson sale on the 8th concession of Pickering, and a third is the Joe Jones sale at Buttonville in Markham township. As a result of this set-up all three local auctioneering firms will be busy on that day. Ross Carter's sale at Locust Hill is Wednesday next week, a"

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Though there has been a drop of \$5,600,000 in the seventh month and another of \$18,000,000 in the sixth month in Canada's adverse trading position with the U.S. and there have taken place without any drastic action to stop the flow of such U.S. dollars across the border, yet this improvement has not changed

the situation in regard to the present serious currency crisis, it is learned on Parliament Hill, so that the opinion here seems to be something drastic may still be forthcoming in order to correct the situation. Two of the most persistent stories here claim that this situation may possibly bring some sort of ban on imports and foreign exchange restrictions, though there is much official silence on both proposals.

The popular suggestion that all food parcels for Britain should be freed from postage costs as a gift for HRH Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of her wedding is a topic of much favourable comment here. It is pointed out that such parcels at the moment are restricted to a 20-pound limit and the postage costs

range from 25 cents for the first pound to \$2.50 for parcels from 15 to 20 pounds. If freed from such costs, the expectation is that much needed Canadian food would be donated to the British masses by people in this country who can easily make such gifts.

The Canadian Government has reported that total labor income for the first half of 1947 is now estimated at \$2,845 million and this is 17% or \$410 millions more than labor income in Canada in the same period last year, with more than half of this increase having occurred in manufacturing and trade.

These two groups accounted for \$219 million of the difference of \$410 million. On a relative basis the largest increase took place in logging, water transportation and construction where labor income in the first half of 1947 was from 30% to 40% higher than in the first half of 1946. Agriculture showed a decrease of almost 30% which was due entirely to a reduction in the number of workers. Wage rates of male help, as reported here, increased from \$96.27 on May 15, 1946, to \$106.96 on May 15, 1947.

Somehow or other, it is learned in Ottawa, reports that the prices of shoes may rise by as much as 25% has brought a wild rush for shoes in stores across Canada and some retailers have been compelled to restrict the number of shoes which they can sell to customers. People are buying two or more pairs of shoes at one time and retailers fear that this may lower their stocks to a dangerous point, with the biggest stampede into the shoe stores being reported in the larger cities, notwithstanding prices may recede again at the turn of the year.

In revealing that the average purchase price of new motor vehicles in Canada was considerably higher last year than in any previous year for which a measurement has been made, the authorities in Ottawa have disclosed that the price of a passenger car averaged \$1,548 and for a commercial vehicle \$1,726. In

pre-war years, the average selling price of passenger cars had fluctuated within the \$1,000 to \$1,100 range. There was a tendency for the average purchase price to move in an upward direction throughout the years 1932 to 1940 but the sharpest rise had occurred in 1941 when the average reached \$1,302.

The Canadian Government is reported to have had a surplus of \$443,699,258 in its financial operations for the five-months period from April 1 to August 31 and now it is asked if this might not mean that the drive to lower costs of government may prove so successful this year that by the time the next budget is made lower taxes may be an actuality rather than an ambition.

A bright future for television and frequency modulation in the radio field was forecast here by an executive of a big radio organization and he claimed that in the not-too-distant future television sets would be as numerous in homes in Canada as radios are today.

Toys for British and continental children are being made by Canadian soldiers in their own time for shipment overseas in time for Christmas.

At a meeting here it was suggested that there was a possibility of holding the 1956 winter Olympic Games in Canada.

The Speaker of the House of Commons, Hon. Gaspard Fauteux, is in England where he is engaged in studying procedural methods of the British Parliament in speeding up the operations of that body.

Judging from the reaction of women in this capital, the new fashion styles for this fall are not popular with a great many women, with some even picketing stores in protest.

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Regular meetings of Markham and Pickering township councils will be held next Monday, Oct. 6, according to schedule. Markham council meets at Unionville and Pickering at Brougham.

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