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**Notes and Comments**

**Age Limit for Senators**

A proposal has been made that an age limit be placed on persons appointed to the Canadian Senate, at 75 or even 80 years. It is a good suggestion, and would please the people of Canada a great deal if it was made law, even if it displeased a few dozen senators.

The idea of being appointed to the senate at a fat salary for life is preposterous, and here is a remedy. Some members in that body live to be ninety and over, some are ill for long years and are unable to render any service. Just why they should receive the lucrative salary of an active senator is hard to understand. We are not in the class who would abolish the senate, since they perform a useful function; but when a man's usefulness is done because of advancing years, he should be replaced, or placed on pension with his position in the senate remaining unfilled. Actually, in some instances where advancing years has rendered the member unfit for further service, his place is vacant anyway.

**Taxing Trailer Camps**

A report submitted to Scarborough Township Council last week recommended that trailer camps be permitted in the municipality at a charge of \$50 per trailer per year. The committee pointed out that such trailers would be paying less in taxation than many modest home owners.

Whitchurch and Markham townships are giving thought to similar camps, and may take a lead from the Scarborough rate per trailer in setting the charge for individual trailers. If such bylaws are enacted in the townships referred to, consideration should be given to visitors who may wish to bring their trailer to the premises of a relative or friend for a few weeks. It would not seem very hospitable to make a charge in such cases, which will be few in any event.

A trailer camp in Scarborough, the committee recommends, should be at least ten acres in size, but this might be too great an area for the requirements of Markham and Whitchurch, both farther removed from the city.

**The York County Council**

The January session of York County Council usually lasts twelve days (Tuesday to Friday) from January 20 to February 6. The first four days are given over largely to electing a warden and two commissioners and setting up the committees to carry on the year's work. Little real business is done aside from this, since the committees must be set up, and given an opportunity to submit printed reports on what they propose to do in their respective departments, finance, agriculture, education, reforestation, bylaws and legislative committees, etc.

During the remaining sessions this week and next the recommendations of these committees will come before council for ratification or for such changes as the council deems advisable.

There is no denying that a great deal of time seems to be spent on trivial matters, or on matters that do not properly belong to the functions of a county council. However, this is to be expected, since the fifty-two members coming from all walks of life have many varying views. Notwithstanding, County Council has its place, even if in York county the body appears a bit wieldy.

The members are paid a per diem rate of \$7 plus mileage to and from their respective homes once a week. A resolution has been submitted which would increase the per diem rate to \$8, but it will meet with opposition. Some members might make more than \$7 if they remained at home, but the bulk of them, we venture to say, would not. It is a controversial matter, and there will be stiff opposition from more than one quarter. We venture to guess that the rate of 7c per mile for transportation may be increased, even if the per diem rate is sustained as it is

presently paid. While there is more or less agreement on the mileage rate being increased, it should be borne in mind that the current rate may be all that the Income Tax Dept. of the Dominion government will sanction. It seems to be the limit which is allowed for many business cars. County Councillors who drive in and pay parking charges at high rates as they now exist may be justified in feeling that the 7c rate for transportation does not properly cover the cost. But to the rate of \$7 per day, there is a feeling that it is ample, and is higher than most county councillors receive in other places.

Members are allowed the mileage transportation cost once a week. It is presumed that they may remain in the city from Tuesday to Friday each week the sessions are on, but if they did, hotel accommodation would mount up, consequently most of them find it more expedient to drive home each night.

**His Goat Couldn't Take It**  
(The New Yorker)

A man in Australia named Ranji Last, we learn from the Times, began a 12,000-mile trip around the country by goat cart recently. After 143 miles, the goat's feet gave out and he put the goat in the cart, grabbed the shafts, and started to do the pulling himself. Interviewed in Brisbane after he had covered 265 miles, or almost twice as much as the goat had, Last said his feet were in fine shape and he was determined to cover the remaining 11,592 miles of the trip, even if he had to make the entire distance without the goat's help.

This information, coming, as it does, with the hopeful New Year, renews our faith in that poor bare, forked animal, man, and inclines us to believe, with Hamlet, that man is actually a rather remarkable piece of work.

**He Saved the Tree**  
(Windsor Star)

Up in Thedford there is a planing mill. Through its roof stands a huge maple tree. How did it get there and why?

Well, when the owner decided to enlarge his mill, he found that the big tree was smack in the middle of the land required for the expansion. Now, the tree had been a favorite of his father, who once sat in its shade. So Mr. Eric Coultis just built the mill around it.

Too often, in their desire for efficiency, industries demolish everything that stands in the way of progress. Beautiful trees, historic buildings or other relics disappear, to be replaced by a none-too-beautiful factory.

**The Rear Window**

Motorists should take time to clear their rear windows of ice and frost these wintry days. Many cars are seen on the roads with the driver's rear vision almost wholly blocked by an accumulation of frozen snow or a coating of frost on the back windows.

It takes only a few minutes to remedy such a condition and to allow it to exist invites the danger of accidents.

**Comic Books and Pulp Fiction**

Canadian newspaper publishers pay eight per cent sales tax on the newsprint paper they use. Comic book publishers do not. Why? Comic books and pulp fiction are classed as magazines which have enjoyed sales tax exemption for many years. The government gave magazines the concession to help meet the competition the publishers asserted they had from U.S. publications entering Canada which do not pay sales tax.

Recent government regulations banning certain U.S. comic books and pulp fiction will undoubtedly give rise to publication of more similar books in Canada. The sales tax exemption will give them quite an inducement. It's time that exemption was removed.

Another thing! Sometimes we get the impression that certain members of the public think the newspapers do too much beefing about the high cost of newsprint. Maybe this is the place to point out that Editor and Publisher, the American trade magazine, reported last month that publishers in Canada actually pay more for newsprint than U.S. publishers. The sales tax of eight per cent brings the Canadian price to such papers as the Stouffville Tribune to \$127.00 a ton whereas our American cousins get it for a mere \$124.00. The difference may not be great — but if that mythical man from Mars who occasionally looks at us from his kitchen window were to note that Canadians in their great land of trees and forests paid more for newsprint than Americans, to whom they send most of their product, he'd probably scratch his head and decide all over again that this world of ours is a queer place indeed.

though there are possibilities that local shortages may occur, especially of cabbages, lettuce and celery. However, the price picture may not be so bright, it is forecast, until the new crop of domestic grown produce becomes available.

The Canadian Government's actions in re-imposing ceilings on meat and butter as well as marking up controls on imported fruits and vegetables may not satisfy a great many people across the country but it can be hinted that behind the moves is an unmistakable warning to "profiteers" that proceedings against them may be in the making. This is evident backstage in Ottawa. It is not suggested here that the Government will follow such actions with a reimposition of general controls over prices. However, it is suggested that, if conditions should warrant, authority now possessed by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board or other legal body would be used fully to go after profiteers. Indeed, though no additions to staff have been made in conjunction with the latest re-imposing of ceilings yet it is learned that no delay would be involved in recalling key personnel of the WPTB, if necessary.

"On the other hand, in this time of great anxiety we must pay heed to the wise old saying that 'the strong armed keepeth the peace,'" said Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, Chief of Canada's permanent delegation to the United Nations, prior to his departure from here for New York, leaving no doubt about his belief in strong defence.

"The whole visit was a very successful one," remarked Defence Minister Claxton upon his return from Washington where he

engaged in important talks with U.S. top officials on matters of mutual defence, including President Truman.

"The basic causes of rising prices are two in number, the expansion of credit and currency and the lessening of supplies," declared Hon. John Bracken in a statement in this capital.

"Well over half of Canada's 5,000,000 workers are now under the protection of Unemployment Insurance and \$413 million is in reserve to cushion them against the effects of unemployment during any temporary business recession," stated Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare during an address here to a meeting of social service personnel from all parts of the country.

"I speak to you as a French mother to Canadian mothers because it is women and children who bear most keenly the brunt of war," emphasized the former member of the Chamber of Deputies in France and famous wartime resistance leader, Mme. Irene Laure, during a visit to Ottawa.

"I am proud that I was born in Canada and I am grateful for my happy childhood in this country," said Mary Pickford, the old-time movie star.

"It is vitally necessary for Canada that we have someone to take over the jobs which must be done and which our own population refuses to take," V. C. Phelan, Director of Information, Department of Labor, told a gathering here urging more DP's be brought from Europe to this country.

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While there has been a remarkably "poor publicity" about what has been taking place to save U.S. dollars in planning film imports from across the line, yet it is whispered here that important talks concerning the future of the movie industry have been occurring lately, especially since many people feel that too much U.S. dollars are being spent for imports from Hollywood.

There may be a greater supply of social welfare workers across Canada as a result of a national conference held here, the need for such workers being urgent.

More than 50,000 copies of the Book of St. John, printed in Russian, are being sent to the Soviet, it is disclosed here.

The National Film Board is making available throughout Canada a 16-m production based on first shots of the atomic energy plant at Chalk River near Ottawa. Canada was the only democratic nation without an official Government chaplain, said Canon Northcote Burk, here stressing that there was a necessity for such an appointment.

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**GORMLEY**

(Jan. 22, 1948)  
 Miss Betty Dadson had Sunday evening supper in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Barley.

Miss Betty Farmer commenced her work in the Newmarket Hospital last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jones and son of Aurora had Sunday evening supper with Mrs. E. Jones.

Mrs. Wm. Bruce and Genevieve had Sunday evening supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Doner.

**THE OLD HOME TOWN** By STANLEY



**Editor's Mail**

Dear Mr. Nolan:  
 The contract covering our 1948 advertising with your publication has been received and we look forward to another year of pleasant business relations.

Salada Tea sales for 1947 showed a substantial increase for the third successive year, the total being almost double the average annual sales from 1935 to 1939. As we have said many times before, we attribute a great deal of the credit for this amazing growth to the high quality of our tea coupled with a newspaper advertising program almost continuously maintained since 1922.

Please accept our thanks for your part, as a newspaper publisher, in bringing Salada Tea so effectively to the attention of the buying public in 1947, and all our best wishes for the new year.

Yours truly,  
 Salada Tea Company of Canada, Limited.  
 per: R. K. Bythell

would have gathered had the mishap occurred on a city street.

As the motorist paid his bill for the service, he asked the farmer: "Are all these children yours?"

"Yep," said the proud father. "How many have you?" "Forty-three dollars worth."



Back from a three-months' vacation trip to Denmark is Margaret Jacobsen, pretty Calgary school teacher, seen powdering up to disembark from the S.S. Batory in New York. She visited relatives.

Friday & Saturday, Jan. 30-31  
 "Blondie's Holiday"—P. Singleton  
 "Badman's Territory"—R. Scott

*New Playing!*

Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 2-3  
**'Welcome Stranger'**  
 BING CROSBY AND BARRY FITZGERALD

Thursday!  
**'Nobody Lives Forever'**  
 John Garfield and Geraldine Fitzgerald  
 Wednesday & Thursday Feb. 4-5  
**\$185.00 OFFER!**

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 6-7  
 "THAT WAY WITH WOMEN"  
 Sydney Greenstreet—Martha Vickers  
 "HOPPY'S HOLIDAY"  
 William Boyd — Andy Clyde

Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 9-10  
 "CHEYENNE"  
 Dennis Morgan — Jane Wyman

**STOUFFVILLE STANLEY** Theatre of the Stars!

*Coming!*



It is learned here that an unprecedented drive will be launched to attract U.S. visitors to this country as a means of bringing such U.S. currency into Canada as soon as possible to help the whole financial structure, with the belief that the scope of this campaign will startle the man-in-the-street.

Apparently, such a decision has been reached, even if it has not received too much publicity so far. The tourist industry in Canada returned about \$224,000,000 in 1946 and should amount to approximately the same in 1947 when final returns are tabulated. Still it is significant that, while it is estimated unofficially that about something more than the 20,855,000 tourists from U.S. visited Canada in 1947 as did in 1946, yet it is hinted that they spent less in this country due to our own rising prices in proportion to the number who crossed the border. In order to attract more business and incidently U.S. currency, measures are said to be in the making and an unprecedented drive will be launched.

If supplies get too low, fresh vegetables above the restricted quotas may possibly be allowed into Canada, it is suggested here, so that adequate supplies may be available for the balance of the winter, al-