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## NOTES and COMMENTS

Why Does The CBC Presume That It Needs Any Paper  
--- Free or Otherwise?

Recent objections to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's proposal to make every licensed radio owner an involuntary subscriber to its weekly program by raising the license fee \$2.50 seems to have laid that threat to freedom low. However, there are reasons to believe that merely objecting to this method of financing the publication of a state-owned periodical, or circulating it on any other basis for that matter, is totally undesirable. In fact it would probably be in the best interests of CBC's financial setup and the welfare of the Canadian public to disband the entire project as being unnecessary and highly dangerous.

There are scores of newspapers and periodicals in the country which will disseminate any legitimate news the CBC may make available and these same outlets will doubtless be glad to carry as paid advertising anything which comes under that heading. In addition they will probably do it cheaper and better in the final analysis than any government-controlled publication.

Why the CBC presumes that it needs any paper, free or otherwise, is a mystery when privately-owned radio outlets can get along nicely without one. There is something about the whole situation which doesn't just ring true and calls for vigilance on the part of the people of Canada.

The idea that every government agency needs a publicity branch is very popular currently — with the agencies. Not so with the public who still prefer to get their news from sources with no axes to grind.

### Repaint the Fire Plugs

Here's a suggestion that might well come under the jurisdiction of several local committees or organizations, such as the municipal betterment committee of the local Lions Club, the Fire Brigade, and eventually the local Municipal Council.

Just how long it is since the local fire hydrants received a coat of paint we can't say, but we venture to say it's more than two decades. It's only a small item, but there is something clean and tidy about a street with well-marked hydrants with a coat of brilliant fire-chief red. We pride ourselves in Stouffville in our well-kept lawns and gardens, and our well-groomed homes. In the same vein we might pride ourselves in well-groomed fire hydrants, the mark of an up-to-date fire brigade which we have.

Some of our neighboring municipalities do the job quite frequently.

### Wind Power Test

The Orkney Islands are notoriously windy. The principal source of power on the islands is the diesel engine. Diesel oil is relatively inexpensive yet too expensive for the Orkneys. After surveying the islands, the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board has decided to build a windmill on the windiest spot in the Orkneys, which is Costa Hill.

The experimental plant, according to the New York Times, will be subject to gales which are exceeded in severity only by those that prevail at times near the poles.

The tower will be built of steel on solid rock. The sails will be each 30 feet long. This experimental windmill with a capacity of 100 kilowatts is to generate alternating current which will be fed into an 11-kilovolt transmission network.

The research engineers who will watch this windmill will be principally interested in its annual output and its trustworthiness.

If this experiment indicates that windpower is more than a romantic possibility, Scotland and Britain, too, will probably be dotted with plants. The more hopeful engineers in Scotland believe that windmills to drive 1,250-kilowatt generators are around the corner and that 5,000-kilowatt generators, the probable maximum capacity, are not wild improbabilities.

### Editorial Notes

The men and women who don't appreciate baby talk never had one of their own.

Summer never really comes until we've dipped our winter-weary feet into a refreshing country brook.

Now if it could only put floors and ceilings on the thermometer, what a wonderful government we'd have.

Decision of the dairy farmers of Canada to finance and direct an advertising program for dairy products makes good sense. Sound advertising is essential to intelligent marketing.

We often wonder if our governments might not be run just a bit more efficiently if we remembered that our politicians and civil servants are not our bosses but rather hired hands, hired to work for us.

According to Old Testament Professor N. H. Parker, of McMaster University, Hamilton, Noah is one of the great unappreciated financial geniuses of all time — he floated a large company when the rest of the world was in liquidation.

Top prize for Canada's best-loved husband went to a man who, on their tenth wedding anniversary, gave to his wife a solemn pledge to do the dishes twice a week for the next twelve months while she sat down to read the paper.

## WHITCHURCH CONSERVATION CLUB

### PICNIC - TOUR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH, 1950

9.00 a.m., COMMUNITY HALL, Vandorf

Tour — York County Forest Area

1.00 p.m. — Midhurst Park for Lunch

2.30 p.m. — Tour of plantation and aquariums.

Those wishing transportation and those having extra transportation accommodation please notify the committee not later than June 30th. Everybody welcome. Come and bring the family and picnic basket.

L. J. Harper, Pres.

John Crawford, Sec'y.

## Tolerating Bookies

### Is Danger for All

(Financial Post)

Toronto the Good has finally started to show signs that it might do something to control the giant crime network which runs the bookmaking industry.

The reason for officialdom getting stirred up about it right now is apparently political. The "sporting interests" of the city are planning to run — and back with enormous campaign funds—their candidate for mayor. If successful, he, in return, is supposed to turn Toronto wide open and make life very nice for his backers.

With that cloud on the horizon, the present city fathers and the local newspapers have finally decided to listen to what Police Chief Chisholm has been telling them for some time.

More than a year ago, The Financial Post made a close examination of this industry, and exposed it as one of the largest businesses in the city.

Police estimates, which they consider to be on the low rather than the high side, are that the Canadian illegal betting industry, of which Toronto is the centre, runs \$150 millions a year, almost four times the amount bet legally at the tracks.

Some 90% of the bookie business reaches into business offices and plants. People close to the racket tell The Post that almost every big city office or plant employing 25 or more has its bookie or bookie agent.

In one factory, The Post found that 60 of the 120 employees bet regularly, and nearly all did occasionally.

In gambling circles, Toronto is rated one of the best — that's the gamblingest — cities on the continent. Bookies are estimated to number at least 2,000. Working Toronto on the week ends is reported to be popular and profitable for some of the big U.S. game operators.

Admittedly, the police problem is great. Getting evidence which is presently satisfactory to the courts is extraordinarily difficult because bookies and their runners do the business by phone verbally with sheet-writers in some back room.

But the greatest handicap to blocking this business is the cynicism and indifference of the public and the courts.

More or less constantly the police are feeding a line of bookies into the courts. Sentences are often a mere \$200 fine which is just like a license fee in a business so profitable and income tax free as this. They are back in business again the next day. Adding a 60-day jail term merely gives the sheet-writer a rest from his nerve-racking work.

Both the public and the courts are prone to view that, "Oh, it's just a little bet—everybody wants a flyer now and then."

That is true enough. What it overlooks entirely is the serious and dangerous fact that this tolerance for the citizens' little illegalities is tolerance for an enormous criminal industry diverting vast sums of money into illegal channels.

It is this tolerance which is making crooks of some of the very rich men in the community and which enables them to move in on other businesses, legitimate and illegitimate.

Perhaps the most serious danger of all is civic corruption. Crooked profits are vast, and the pay of politicians and police is not. How much graft there is in lower echelons of authority, we don't know. But very ugly rumor surrounds certain police "resignations," and some things, like the bookies who for years have operated in the shadow of City Hall, look very curious.

Once little graft and fixing are established, a city is on the toboggan slide to big graft of the most cancerous kind.

The bookie business is no matter for complacency. Its growth and present influence are as alarming as the presence of a fatal disease.

The absentee ballot was first used during the Civil War, when 11 Union states permitted men absent on army duty to vote.



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## EDITOR'S MAIL

To The Editor

Monday night a small sick dog was taken from its home, returned Wednesday very early, on Thursday the poor little thing died in terrible agony, what apparently was strychnine poisoning. Surely such an act is too terrible to think of.

Not long ago a very valuable dog disappeared from the same neighbourhood — Ballantrae — and was found drowned in the lake.

Surely the dog owners should watch for this person or persons. The little dog was a poor sick little fellow and could not even run across a neighbour's lawn to do it any harm.

Let's hope the cur that uses poison be caught and properly dealt with.

## Liberal Convention To Name Leader Nov. 9-10

The Ontario Liberal Association will meet in Toronto Nov. 9-10 to select a new provincial leader.

Dates of the convention were announced Saturday at a meeting of the management committee of the association. The convention was necessitated by the resignation as Provincial Leader of Farquhar Oliver, present House leader in the Legislature.

Association President Norman L. Matthews reported that Federal Immigration Minister Walter E. Harris — mentioned prominently for the provincial post — had declined to stand.

Mr. Matthews mentioned four candidates now in the running. They are Campbell Calder, Member of the Legislature for London; W. A. Benidickson, Member of Parliament for Kenora-Rainy River; A. St. Clair Gordon, former Provincial Secretary; and Peter Wright of Toronto. Walter C. Thompson, M.P. for Ontario Riding, has also announced he will be a candidate.

## Toronto Mayor Touched Off Coboconk Hunt

When Mayor Hiram McCallum of Toronto set off a charge of dynamite on the front lawn of his cottage property near the village of Coboconk, he also set off an archaeological expedition. The dynamite charge showed the mayor with Indian relics dating back over 500 years, and this summer, archaeological students have flocked to Coboconk to try to fill in some of the blanks in the history of the Indians in Ontario.

Prof. Norman Emerson, in charge of the expedition, says the party is making some headway in settling the question of whether the Huron Indians came to Huronia from the southwest or from the Iroquois country, as suggested by the French explorer Champlain and the Jesuits.

"Judging by the pottery we have dug up here so far, it looks as though the Jesuits and Champlain were right," Prof. Emmerson says. "We are making some very interesting finds. The pottery, at first glance, can probably be dated about 1450. It is of the Iroquois type. I should say that the Indians who left it were Mohawks."

Indian Point, where the party is working, is believed to have been the site of an ancient Indian village. The expedition is made up of archaeology students from McGill and Toronto Universities.

### IN MEMORY OF

WALTER FARMER  
Dearest Walter, you have left us,  
And our loss we deeply feel,  
But 'tis God that hath bereft us,  
He can all our sorrows heal.

Now your place at home is vacant,  
And your face we sadly miss,  
But we soon shall be together  
In those realms of Heavenly Bliss.

In the Resurrection Morning  
When the Saints are gathered home,  
We shall meet you, with our loved ones  
With our Saviour round His throne.

There to dwell in joys immortal  
Where no death shall ever come,  
And to hear with all the faithful  
Weary pilgrims, welcome home.

There we'll see our Great Redeemer,  
And thro-out eternal days,  
With the Saints of all the ages,  
Praise Him for redeeming grace.

By the crystal flowing river  
We shall lay our burdens down,  
And from Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Shall receive our robe and crown.

We shall reign with Him forever  
In those realms of cloudless day,  
Where shall come no sin or sorrow  
For all tears are wiped away.

Leslie Grove.

The date of Easter can vary as much as thirty-five days, from March 21 to April 25.

## 750 FAMILIES, 2,200 CHILDREN RECEIVE YORK 'AID' SERVICES

Seven hundred and fifty families, involving 2,200 children received Children's Aid service from the York County Society during 1949, it was reported by W. H. Bury, executive director, in his annual report on the society's Children's Aid Shelter, and activities. Five hundred and fifty

## ROSS LINTON APPOINTED

Mr. Ross Linton, Ex-mayor of Aurora, has been appointed to the position of secretary-treasurer of the York County Health Unit.

unmarried mothers and their children were looked after, as well as an additional 800 children through the Children's Aid Shelter, and boarding homes.

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