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NOTES and COMMENTS

A Healthy Sign

The overflow crowd which gathered for the annual nomination meeting in Stouffville on Friday evening is a healthy sign of democracy; criticism is a healthy sign, and the day we fail to listen to it, we shall have lost democracy. In a small community such as Stouffville, the ratepayers have the opportunity to criticize and take their complaints right to the very persons who are elected to carry out public business. It is every citizen's right and duty to attend nomination meeting, as it is a right and a duty to vote on Dec. 8th. In many past years citizens have neglected to do so; the increased interest in a growing community is indeed a healthy sign.

It can be further stated that while voters should for the good of all, elect those men and women who will serve the best through their ability and experience, they must also insist that these representatives govern well. After marking their ballots, many citizens wrongly expect that their representatives, once elected, are under some magic spell and can do no wrong. When the results of their vote turn out to be a disappointment in the ensuing year, they scratch their heads and say, "what a bunch our council is!" They can't understand why their ballot has not produced what they expected.

Public opinion is not aroused in 1952 as quickly as it was in pioneer days; people have too many other interests to take up their time and detract their attention from the business of council. The fire of municipal politics which we hear about from the old days, appears to be rekindled: it's a healthy sign. However, this new fire must be tempered with good judgment and a sincere desire to elect, not for personal reasons or the pressure of organized voting, the man best fitted to serve the community.

T.B. Christmas Seal Campaign

T.B. Christmas Seals are in the mails addressed to every family in this community, marking the opening of the annual Christmastime appeal to raise funds for the prevention of tuberculosis.

Support of this appeal, conducted each year by the National Sanitarium Association, will mean continued free community X-ray surveys, available to all, and regular clinic check-ups for those needing them.

Already this Association has given a million and a half miniature X-rays, the means of uncovering more than 3,000 unknown and dangerous cases of tuberculosis. In the past year, 225,000 of these X-rays were given and 492 active TB cases discovered.

The great majority of those found with TB, according to Dr. Hugh T. McClintock, director of the Association's Gage Clinic, Toronto, had no idea they were infected. It is estimated no less than seven in every ten thousand have TB without knowing it.

Improved treatment and the new wonder drugs have reduced Canada's death rate from tuberculosis to an all-time low. Yet new cases have shown little decrease. TB is still the greatest killer among those from 15 to 35. A satisfactory means of immunity has yet to be found.

Less than 70 percent of those offered free chest X-rays take advantage of this free health service.

This year TB Christmas Seals are being sold in 45 countries and for the first time in India. The originator of the idea was Einar Hoboell, a Danish postman, who conceived the idea as the means of relieving the suffering of sickly children he saw on his rounds.

Today his native Denmark has the lowest TB death rate the world over. Sweden is second, the United States third; and Canada fourth. Christmas Seals have played an important role in bringing this about.

Please be generous when you buy them.

Amid Abundance — A Weakness

The following editorial appeared in Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express in London, England, and was submitted to us by our overseas correspondent, Geo. Abell. It is an interesting comment on our country from the press of the Old Country and we believe sufficiently interesting to reprint.

"Cold blows the wind across the vast Canadian prairies. There is a smell of snow in the air. Mellow autumn is merging swiftly into winter — the long white sleep before the soil is ready again for another abundant harvest.

The happiest country in the world, this great Dominion that marches from the Pacific to the Atlantic. And with good reason.

At harvest time the soil throbs with fertility. It's golden cornfields are like another ocean; its timber climbs to the clouds. In its valleys the orchards spread carpets of blossom and the dairy cattle low. The rivers teem with fish; salmon surge and leap at every fall.

And yet much of these riches must be wasted. There is the weakness of super-wealthy Canada. She cannot sell to Britain all the food that Britain longs to buy.

No need to go to far-off Ontario or Saskatchewan for proof of this. Look in your larder, bring out that tin of salmon from the back of the shelf.

Once it would have had "Canada" on the label. Now the label reads "Russia."

Not a single tin of salmon has been bought from Canada this year. It has all come from the Soviet, where it can be got in exchange for herring.

Canadian salmon means Canadian dollars, the finest, hardest currency in circulation, better even than that of the United States. A currency in which Britain can only afford to trade for the most vital of necessities.

Of course, there is still an immense trade between Canada and Britain. But it is out of balance.

Canada is selling to Britain at a rate nearly double that at which she buys. So the British pound and the Canadian dollar remain at opposite ends of the see-saw, the pound on the ground and the dollar in the air.

Yet neither country wants it to be this way. Canada wants to sell her salmon, her fruit and meat, her bacon, butter, and cheese, just as she did before the war.

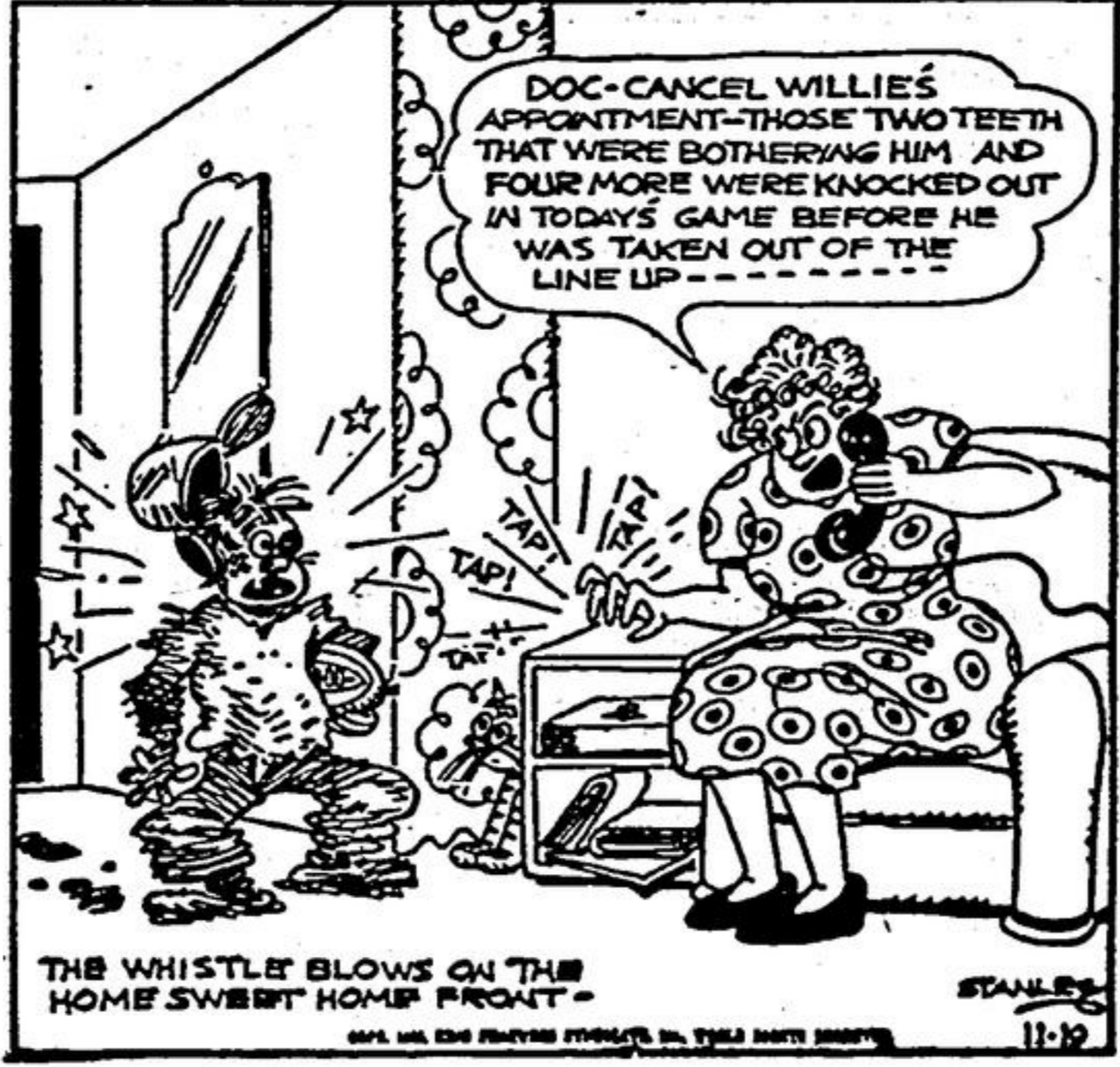
And Britain, her appetite sharpened by the lean post-war years, wants to buy as never before.

To the economists, lost in the maze of their own theories and statistics, the problem appears to be insoluble. Always they bog down in the mumbo jumbo of currency exchange.

All of them, of course, are quick to point the advantages of increased trade between Britain and Canada.

But how to get that trade really moving again? At

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Object to Location of New Farmers Market

A group of 17 irate ratepayers from Elgin street in the Thornhill district waited on Markham township Council at its regular meeting in order to strenuously object to the proposed construction of the new North York Farmers Market on the Clarkson property at the corner of Yonge and Elgin Streets. The present North York Market located at the City Limits must be vacated by the end of the year, as the building has been sold to a Toronto automobile agency. Recently the farmers committee secured an option on this 10 acres of vacant land known as the Clarkson property and have laid tentative plans for the erection of a \$75,000 to \$1,000,000 building approximately 100 feet by 80 feet.

The Board of Trustees of Thornhill Police Village last week by a majority vote of 2 to 1 gave its blessing to the market and requested Markham Council to amend the village's land use by-law in order to permit the commercial development of the Clarkson property to its full depth. The delegation of Elgin Street

ratepayers under the joint-chairmanship of R. Tamblyn and W. Masters stated they represented 75 voters in the Elgin Street district. However the main body of these Elgin ratepayers actually live outside the limits of Thornhill village.

Stressing they have no personal animosity towards the farmers the delegation's speakers attacked the proposed market from the angle of sewage, waste disposal, and the creation of a traffic hazard on Yonge Street. Mr. G. T. Wishart said, "We wish to keep our part of the district as rural and healthy as possible. This market will attract a great deal of traffic in a confined area," he added. Mr. C. F. T. Rounthwaite, dwelling on the same theme stated, "We have looked on our street as a semi-rural dwelling area."

Reeve W. Timbers—"I suggested to the Farmers Committee that due to the opposition, the village's proposed land-use by-law, and the traffic problem, they would do well to look for another site."

Deputy-Reeve A. James—"I certainly visualize a traffic hazard on Yonge Street every Saturday."

In closing Mr. Timbers promised council would give these complaints every consideration. No decision was reached.

once the talk switches to dollars. What nonsense it all is.

Canada needs British skill and equipment as much as Britain needs Canada's surplus food. It is the task of their statesmen to match need with need, to allow nothing and nobody to interfere with the free flow of trade.

Thus Canada and Britain would together stride into a prosperity that would make the Yukon gold rush seem like a penny side-show."

Township of Markham



Your Vote and Influence Will Be Appreciated To

ELECT DALTON RUMNEY

REEVE FOR 1953

Sound Administration by an Experienced Man.

POLLING DAY MON., DEC. 1 — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Township of MARKHAM



TO THE ELECTORS

Arthur Lennie is seeking a second term as Councillor of Markham Township. Mr. Lennie has had a very broad experience, ranging from the Pacific Coast of this continent to the Red Sea. He has too, had a colorful experience in business, and is now self employed . . . being a director of the S. B. Reynolds and Co. Ltd., Insurance agency.

Mr. Lennie's greatest contribution to Council arises from his ability to conduct business genially and to get along with people. He exudes goodwill, and consistently refuses to harbour grudges or animosities. Towards the end of the current year he has tended to discuss matters with Mr. Timbers and Alf. James because they share his views that all public business should be conducted on the highest level of co-operation.

Being a very busy man he has not the time to indulge in petty squabbles . . . but prefers to apply his mind to the tremendous issues facing municipalities today. Consequently he is dispassionate, mature in judgment, willing to expose a problem to the light of day regardless of the personalities involved in the solution of that problem.

The above qualities nurtured in the best schools, and several years as an officer of Her Majesty's Navy on overseas service have made Mr. Lennie a leader and a first rate administrator.

Although he is by inclination a team man, Mr. Lennie does not follow the leader blindly. An examination of the township minute book will reveal that Mr. Lennie has on one or more occasions voted for, and against every man on Council. In short, he keeps his eye on the issue and votes according to his best judgment. During the course of the past year, Mr. Lennie has found time and again that Alf. James has been unjustly maligned.

As noted above Mr. Lennie's naval background is positive proof that he is capable of leadership and decision and handles all problems on their own merit. As an independent business man, he has much in common with not only small holders in the township, but also with many farmers who are in reality business men with large investment in capital equipment. Mr. Lennie's platform consists of two planks, namely . . . independence and integrity . . . with malice towards none.

Vote to Elect

ARTHUR LENNIE

Councillor 1953