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Prosperity or Recession

PROSPERITY OR RECESSION—these are the two contradictory themes heard in Canadian business quarters today with the prosperity note loudest but with a rumbling "wait and see" in the background.

An observer finds it difficult to be pessimistic as he listens to things like this:

The steel industry is producing twice as much as before the war and still is faced with an almost insatiable demand.

Newsprint men, their all-time high production also unable to meet demand, plan to spend millions of dollars in rehabilitation and expansion to make more complete use of forest wealth.

Lumber production is at a record and this industry, too, needs to spend large sums in rehabilitation, though worried about its export market.

Oil companies, unable to supply their would-be customers, are embarked on plant expansion costing millions and are exploring for new fields.

Most industries tell a similar story. Development programs for mines are forecast and there are long-term contracts for the yield of Canadian farms.

Population gain is at its greatest yearly rate since Confederation, and industry, especially the forests, is crying for more men. There are predictions that Canada may at length drive ahead through immigration for the 25,000,000 or 40,000,000 population often forecast for her, and thus build up a home market for her own goods.

Where then do the pessimists come in? Mainly they are afraid of collapse of the export trade, not because of lack of need but through inability of the world to buy; and also they fear an inflation spiral which must come to an end.

Canadians make more than a third of their individual incomes from the export trade, and any slowing up of that would be felt quickly, though there may still be sufficient unsatisfied demand at home to take care of a temporary drop.

Some already see signs of a drying up in demand from individual Canadians who were short of nearly everything at the war's end.

Others warn against panic-thinking which could turn a dip into a major recession or depression and caution that business must be ready to take minor set-backs in stride.

There are different views on the increased price and wage situation. Some see it as another "boom and bust" inflation spiral while others think that if kept within bounds it is simply a new level of prices and wages which is here to stay.

Optimists and pessimists alike express the following views:

Wartime habits formed when production was the main essential regardless of cost, and whereby goods were bought where they could be had with little consideration of price or quality, must be abandoned; efficient competitive business methods must be restored; a man must earn a job to hold it.

Hopeful thinking seems to take this line:

All forecasts of recession since the end of the war have been wrong. Only a collapse of world trade will be able to slow down the expansion on which Canadian economy is embarked; otherwise demand will continue for a long time.

Higher prices and wages are still in sight but careful management can keep the inflation spiral in control and slow it down to a state of equilibrium; the average wage or salary earner who with farmers comprise the bulk of the Canadian population won't be satisfied unless he gets an increasing share of what is produced; this is possible and prices can still be kept within control if management is efficient and if the individual worker gives his best production.

Others hold that this is wishful thinking. A recent monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada said:

"This country of all in the world has its chance to make good in its constructive efforts, and in this country, if anywhere on the globe, is opportunity; not alone because of the natural resources of which we are too prone to boast, but because here of all places there is a sane balanced way of life in which we may develop nature's—and our own individual—gifts. And as Canada develops so will all her industries."

WHAT TILLY SAYS

THERE ARE SOME PARTS of Europe, evidently, where life does not consist of mournful faces and semi-starvation. Tilly Jean Rolston, M.L.A., Canadian tourist and observer, has been travelling in Switzerland and Italy. Her recollections make cheerful reading. In Lucerne, for example, she revelled in good food, the best of service, sunshine and scenery. The Swiss, being able to eat their cake and also keep it, were prosperous. She found corn and wine, peaches and tobacco in Italy—along with people who frequently sang and often smiled. The Italians usually took an hour's rest in the morning, never making the error of confusing speed with progress. At any rate, that's what Tilly says. She was there.

Education Week

By Mrs. E. W. Becker
(Pres. Prince Rupert P.T.A. Council)
This week as we affirm our freedom in this fortunate land of liberty, let us ask ourselves: "Is just savoring our freedom enough to save it? What can we do to help build a world where freedom can grow and encompass the earth?"

In many countries today the achievement we call civilization has been beaten into an unconscious state by the horrors and exigencies of modern, total warfare and little is being done to revive it.

In other lands masses of people are taking literally the promise of the four freedoms and are revolting against the predatory powers who would keep them in subjection for centuries more. In a recent book entitled "Revolt in Asia" by Robert Payne, the author states that by the year 2000 there will be more Asiatics than the present total population of the globe. It will be utterly impossible, he believes, to outbreed or eventually outproduce or outweigh politically the awakening hordes.

And, in the face of all this, the voices of injustice, greed and lust for power grow louder and more quarrelsome.

People who had hoped for, believed in and even fought for that One World are becoming confused. They are growing contemptuous of our leaders and distrustful of each other. The popular mood is cynical and even stark truths are regarded as lies and propaganda.

The solution to the world's problems probably lies with each and every one of us. The one way to a personal sense of freedom and decency is to search inward and cleanse our own hearts and minds of the faults which we dislike in others. Unwavering adherence to our aspirations, self-respect, faith in ideals and in each other—these things we must have in this tumultuous age.

It is disastrous to lose our faith in the goodness of mankind, to give up to despair and cynicism because in that way we rob our children, among whom are the future leaders, of inspiration, initiative, courage and a spiritual inheritance it has taken centuries to build.

Just as education of past generations gave us our present leaders, so education today must prepare our future leaders. While the teaching in home, school, church and community are all responsible for our civilization it is the home which is the basic institution. If home life is weak, society cannot be strong.

No ill season lasts forever, either in the affairs of Nature or Man and somewhere ahead, on some calendar of events lies the time when our children will reap the fruit of the seeds we sow today.

Consider the coral creature. It has an inner urge to build. Often no bigger than a pin's head, it



EDITORS OF CANADIAN WEEKLIES WIN AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPERS—High light of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association meeting at Victoria is announcement of awards for Canada's outstanding weekly newspapers. The winners pictured, left to right, are: Hugh Templin, News-Record, Fergus, Ont.; Ralph E. White, Sentinel, Kamloops; N. S. McLean,

Herald, Elmwood, Man.; Katharine A. Marston, Express, Elora, Ont.; John A. Marsh, Echo, Amherstburg, Ont.; Mrs. C. Charters, Conservator, Brampton, Ont.; E. G. Quick, Review, Weyburn, Sask.; Edgar Duaning, Optimist, Ladner; R. W. Tuckwell, Sentinel, Pilot Mound, Man.; and A. L. Miller, Record, Jarvis, Ont.

has made more difference to the geography of this planet than all other animals put together, man included.

Each of its tiny homes in themselves is insignificant. But in the aggregate they rise from the depths of the ocean as mighty edifices against which earthquakes, tornadoes, and tidal waves rage in vain. If you were to take all the explosives accumulated by man throughout the last world upheaval and hurl them at the homes of the coral creature, the scratch would hardly be worth noticing.

What we need is the instinctive wisdom of the coral creature. Let the man-made volcanoes blow up in eruption—let's get on with life and building homes.

Talk to a little child—one too small to have played commando in the alleys. His utter and unshakable confidence in his parents, Santa Claus and God will make you realize that in him and in millions like him lie endless possibilities for good in every country in the world.

Do not destroy that beautiful faith. Make it an intelligent rather than a blind faith but do not destroy it either by word or example. It is the rightful, spiritual inheritance of every child. It will bear him up above evil surroundings and carry him onward to fulfil the destiny of man.

It is enameled in colors.

New Building Is Near Completion

It is possible completion of the Lindsay garage, Second Avenue and First Street, will be effected by the Christmas season or early in the New Year at latest. It will be one of the city's most important new and permanent buildings, meeting not only a definite need but also presenting an attractive appearance.

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LOOKING BACK TO YEAR 1856

It Was a Sin Then to Smoke Cigars, Go to Dances

(From the Journal of Accountancy)

In looking through some old papers I found some office rules dated 1856, which included such items as the following:

"The employee who is in the habit of smoking Spanish cigars, being shaved at the barber's, going to dances and other places of amusement, will surely give his employer reason to be suspicious of his integrity and honesty.

"Each employee must not pay less than \$5 per year to the church and must attend Sunday School regularly.

"Men employees are given one evening a week for courting and two if they go to prayer meeting.

"After 14 hours of work in the office, the leisure time should be spent most in reading.

"Now, in 1896, we feel that we allow our people every possible freedom. Fifty years from now it will be impossible to impose upon the employees of our office some of the restrictions that we are now imposing, such, for instance, as our general requirement that our young ladies should wear sleeves to the wrist and dresses to the ankle, with an appropriate number of petticoats."

Balsam Shingles In Saskatchewan

REGINA — Possibility of a substantial reduction in building costs in Saskatchewan was recently indicated here. There are, said to be prospects of using native balsam shingles at a cost of 50 per cent lower than the expense of importing shingles from British Columbia.

PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

November 3, 1922

The logging tug Massett, Capt. Robinson, was towed into port by the G. T. P. tug Lorne, Capt. Barney Johnson, after she had lost a Davis raft containing 1,300,000 board feet of logs while crossing Hecate Straits in a storm. The Massett became disabled when she lost her rudder in the blow.

The Canadian Government Merchant Marine freighter Canadian Observer, Capt. Cooper, arrived in port to go into dry dock. The vessel was scheduled for overhaul.

The following officers were elected at the first annual general meeting of the Prince Rupert Boy Scouts Association: President, George Rorie; Vice-president, A. W. Healy; Secretary, S. Barrett-Jones; Treasurer, Edward J. Smith. Executive members were Archdeacon Rix, Dr. H. R. Grant, George Munro, P. V. G. LePine, H. L. Campbell, George Bryant, D. C. McRae, C. H. Orme, M. P. McCaffery and John Dybbaven.

October 31, 1912

J. Knox Brown, manager of the Modern Refrigerating Co. at Haysport, paid a brief visit to the city in connection with



"Here is another quote for you," said the Old Timer this morning. "It reads this way: 'We have a fifth column in our midst more dangerous than Fascism ever was.'"

"Who said that? It was James McGuire, an official of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, and he said it because he was convinced the Comintern had been revived throughout the world with definite instructions to sabotage the trade union movement.

"Speaking for myself, I would say there is plenty of evidence to support Mr. McGuire. Why is it that the ordinary trade union, not under control of Communists, can sit down with management and usually—not always, of course, but usually—arrive at a settlement of wages and working conditions, whereas unions led by Communists stage strike after strike, as often as the leaders think they can hold the support of their members?"

"Do Communists want union men to be reasonably prosperous, contented, able to pay their bills, keep their families, have a car and a garden? Not much. Communists—and you have only to read their propaganda to know it—want people discontented, poverty-stricken, hopeless. They want them to feel, as they used to say, that the workingman has nothing to lose but his chains. And they manipulate trades unions cunningly to try to put the workingmen and women in that frame of mind. If a union led by Communists ever goes more than two years without a strike it is a miracle."

(The views of the Old Timer are presented weekly in this newspaper under the sponsorship of the British Columbia Federation of Trade and Industry.)

business with the County Court. B. H. Belcher, one of the earliest of the Klondyke pioneers, known popularly as "Uncle" Belcher, was a visitor in the city. Mr. Belcher was living at Edmonton following his retirement from the Yukon and was enjoying meeting a number of Klondyke friends at Prince Rupert.

Bishop Stringer of the Yukon with headquarters at Dawson City, passed through Prince Rupert on the Princess Sophia on his way to Victoria.

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Your correct present address is essential!

Correct addresses are available for most of those entitled to repayment, but a large number of taxpayers are constantly moving and others marry and their names change.

Cards on which to report changes of address or name are being sent to all householders in Canada. These are being distributed at the present time. Additional cards are available either at your district Income Tax office or your local Post Office. Do nothing if you live at the same address and have the same name as in 1942.

If you are entitled to Refundable Savings on 1942 Income Tax and you have changed your address or name COMPLETE AND MAIL YOUR CARD AT ONCE!

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE
Taxation Division Ottawa

Hon. James J. McCann
Minister of National Revenue

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