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## Canada Needs Immigrants

THE Canadian Chamber of Commerce believes that world political conditions, our own potential but undeveloped natural resources and our strategic place in world affairs give Canada both an opportunity and responsibility in the matter of immigration.

Pointing up the fact that Canadian industry has undergone a decade of unprecedented expansion and diversification, reference is made to the need for stepping up the tempo of Canada's preparations for defence and, as a result, there are many opportunities for both heavy labor and skilled artisans in the tremendous construction program now under way.

"We are now in the midst of the greatest era of growth since Confederation," states a Canadian Chamber memorandum. Apart from industrial expansion, there is a need for workers to develop our natural resources and the statement suggests that there is still room for new agricultural settlement. Calling Canada "the new Belgium of a divided world," the memorandum states that the 14 million people who occupy our half continent are far less than what we need to preserve our national security now and in the future.

Other arguments adduced to support the chamber's policy are that Canada's governmental, communication and transportation systems as well as other servicing facilities were developed for a much greater population than we have today and, similarly, the burden of taxation which has grown from our efforts in two world wars and from the cost of various social measures enacted in Parliament, can only be lowered on a per capita basis if there are more people. Immigration will mean greater diversification and efficiency in production and greater domestic consumption. "Greater stability, higher efficiency, more production and greater consumption almost always have been our experience in the past when there was a heavy inflow of immigrants," states the memorandum.

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.

## LIGHT UP FOR CHRISTMAS

MAYBE this year might be a good time for us to resume those pre-war practices which brightened up towns and cities across Canada during Christmastide.

Lighted trees in our houses and on lawns can be supplemented to make a noteworthy community plan. Well-lighted shop windows and individual or group lighted trees outdoors in our shopping districts can make a colorful display. Even the smallest village can have a community Christmas tree.

Many communities which strung colored lights across Main Street in preparation for one Christmas have found them so attractive that they have been retained as permanent fixtures, arousing favorable comment from many visitors. Of course, suitable safeguards and proper installation methods should be used.

In some of our smaller cities, elaborate lighting plans are worked out in conjunction with the city and public utilities. These include the decoration of public buildings and special shades for street lights in the shopping area. In one such city the merchants kept store windows lighted but turned off all neon signs on certain nights to give full effect to the Christmas lighting and it was a most pleasing sight.

With purpose and co-operation, any town can become an attractive spot for Christmas shopping, drawing people from miles around to see the sights. Most of them will stay to buy so a "Light Up for Christmas" campaign could be an effective promotional activity.

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."—Ezekiel 18:4

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## Letters to the Editor

### BAND NO LURE

Editor Daily News:

I would like to request your co-operation in permitting this answer to Mr. Faure's letter to be published in order that your readers are not misguided as to the reasons for the formation of a Naval Band.

Mr. Faure's supposedly brilliant comparison of young men joining the Reserve Forces to "rats in Hamelin" is extremely poor taste. Possibly Mr. Faure is not aware that the Reserve Units form the nucleus of our Armed Forces when the need occurs. With world conditions as exist today, I do not think we should require a band to lure patriotic young men to prepare themselves to ably defend their country and I assure Mr. Faure it is not the intention of this unit to form a band to play up and down the street to draw recruits into the Reserves.

The proposed band for the Naval Reserve is not a scheme dreamed up to hinder in any way the Shrine Band. Every reserve unit in Canada is authorized to recruit bandmen in order to assist training reservists. If Mr. Faure were in the armed forces he would realize the value of a band for marching and drilling exercises. I know the Shrine Band has had an uphill struggle probably better than Mr. Faure as I have been a member of the Band from the time of its formation. Members joining the Naval Band will not be restricted from playing in other bands.

There are numerous musicians in the city who are not presently taking an active part in any band and if by now they have shown no desire to join the Shrine Band I doubt if they have any intention of doing so. However there is a possibility these musicians might consider joining the Reserve Band. So why should there be any conflict as Mr. Faure suggests?

Mr. Faure also states in his letter that the navy is paying a bandmaster, which is not correct. The bandmaster, if a qualified person is available in Prince Rupert, would join the reserves as a warrant officer bandmaster and receive the same basic allowance as other members of the Reserve Force, namely one half a day's pay of his rank for each weekly drill attended and in no case to exceed 16 full days' pay in any one year.

Possibly Mr. Faure did not fully familiarize himself with the facts and motives behind this project and, in order to prevent the general public from sharing his reasoning, I was prompted to write this letter. I feel, however that I am quite qualified to make the foregoing statements being a member of the Shrine Band and also a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserves.

P.S.—This letter is composed entirely of my own views on the subject and is in now way authorized by H.M.C. Navy and is definitely not an official statement.

GEORGE BROWN

### Thawing Equipment May Be Purchased

City Engineer Stewart was asked to look into the possibility of purchase of thawing equipment in report of the board of works which was read at the city council meeting last night.

### COLORFUL NAME

The Devil's Coach-Horse is the name of a narrow British beetle, about one inch in length.

### "ANCIENT" AGAIN

Editor, Daily News:

When "Ancient" first wrote on the subject of teen-agers he was started off by a letter in the News, written by a teen-ager, who inferred that some one should donate the necessary equipment whereby he or she should be able to go in for some game. That naturally gave me the idea that he or she, should buy their own material. There are some cases where the games may have a public value, whereby the business men would receive some return for their donation, or the city might benefit. I would not class that as begging or charity. However that is not always the case.

It is going to be difficult to go into all the related matters, and I would not wish to impose on the Editor. I wish it were possible for all those who wrote in reply to this idea to sit down in a friendly discussion and see where we could get. There is nothing personal about all this and to cover all angles would take too much space.

From "Dynamite's" letter it would seem there was at least one who had what it takes. More power to you. Also "Useless" has something on the ball. Then there is J. Baines who thinks the woman in question must have been five other women. O.K. pal! Were it necessary I could add more to what was said but neither she or myself are looking for publicity. All that I desire is to promote the best interests of Canada and all Canadians. I have raised a large family, who now have large families of their own, and I repeat: "God help teen-agers." When one sizes up the world situation today it is enough to cause one to wonder just where we stand in the world's destiny. Where do we fit into the prophecies? Where do we go from here, and when?

Upon reflection, possibly I should say: "God help the parents." Just what are they doing—judging by the fact that we have domestic and mechanical instruction in the schools today. The government sends around various nurses, etc. If the parents of today are capable themselves why do they not teach their children all the things necessary to know? The 15-year-old girl that mentioned, attended a country school, for about six grades but I am of the opinion that she could walk circles around many of our domestic science teachers. Her children, boys and girls, could take care of anything that might arise, out or indoors. She also nursed her own children when sick, with no assistance from anyone. Looks as though the parents were now the mollycoddles. Some of the boys of this woman's family had never been off the farm, or out of the woods, except to a small village. They got a country eighth-grade education only. When the war came, some were soon overseas, joiners, carpenters, building ships for the navy. They were also represented in the army and navy outside Canada.

Speaking about the schools of today, and parents, etc., brings to mind the last country school "Ancient" attended, when fourteen years of age.

Please get these details well in mind, and form your own conclusions. This school house likely cost much less than \$1000 and was good and adequate. There were forty pupils in attendance. (Not forty pupils in a \$40,000 school house). The teacher taught all grades from ABC to the twelfth grade. She was not

required to teach above the eighth grade but found it no hardship to do this for those who wanted higher education. The teacher was paid \$40 a month. She was also her own janitor. She also was a grand teacher. The children walked to school and played outdoors—not in a playground. They were not fed a lunch at public expense either. Parents fed their own kids those days. Strange as it may seem, we did not know about microbes, or vitamins, and appendicitis was called inflammation of the bowels. It was a survival of the fittest. When 15 years old, "Ancient" was living on the shores of the Great Lakes and during vacation was cooking on a coasting schooner. Those days wages were from 5c to 10c per hour, if you could get it. Once, while the schooner was being unloaded, "Ancient" thought it a good idea to get 40c an hour—the same as the "dock wallpapers" (longshoremen) were getting for packing timbers ashore on their backs. Goes to show you what teen-agers could do, and why it seems too bad to have them unproductive when there is so much to be done, and life so short. Of course the Unions and Labor Boards want to keep them off the job to make help scarce which, with all the holidays and wasted time, finds winter on us again, with only half the year's work finished. My idea of pleasure would be to see much more accomplished. However I was born over 70 years too soon. Do not get old age pension, still have to work. It will be too bad when I am not able to work.

A reasonable amount of pleasure is good, for those who do not get pleasure by accomplishing something useful. But did you ever think about what we are up against in the matter of Russia, or even any of the European countries? We do not want to see men, women or children made slaves, as they are. (We are already slaves, in many ways, working for our own government without pay). One of these days we shall have to meet them in some manner, and we should begin to think if we are becoming too pampered to stand the gaff. How can Canada and U.S.A. pay

the high wages they pay, and then export to foreign markets in competition with slaves and cheap labor? Give away billions of dollars worth; sell to foreigners at half price AND charge us double price, and tax us to pay for the gifts. Just where do we gain by this high production cost? Of course we have the ability to produce by mass production, but just who gains by paying twice as much for our goods as foreigners pay for the same things?

Speaking about games, and pleasures, pick up almost any paper, or listen to the radio, and you see crowds of ten to fifty thousand people attending some game. Figure out the hours lost at the prevailing wages. Think about the automobiles or other transportation costs, and the money spent on the additional items connected with these events, and reckon if it is time and money well spent.

Possibly this is getting us no place. It is too large a subject to cover in this space. Why worry. The U.N. has got no place yet.

"ANCIENT"

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Our farmers are not peasants or serfs, but independent producers whose comfortable homes, good food, facilities for the education of their children and pleasures in general would appear a miracle to hundreds of millions in other lands.

Our workingmen bargain freely for their share in the fruits of their labor. They are free and independent — no one to tell them where and when they must work. All have the opportunity for free and abundant lives. The managers, the presidents, the big employers of today have come from their ranks — and will tomorrow.

A pretty good country, Canada, through the eyes of the outside world. Its freedom and its opportunity system are worth preserving.

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