

CANADA SAVES STEEL BY LIMITING NUMBER OF CANS



The sky used to be the limit for sizes and shapes of tin cans used for fruit and vegetables or their products. Three years ago there were 115 sizes of cans (see above at left) while on the market today there are only nine. Canada was faced with a metal shortage this year which made it essential to reduce the variety and sizes of cans and the War-time Prices and Trade Board undertook this job in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture. The work was not as complex as it seems at first glance, however, because three years ago Department of Agriculture officials had cut the number manufactured to twenty-two. This was done in the interest of standardization. The new regulation, it is pointed out,

will mean that shippers will no longer be able to get some of the small sizes of cans to which they are accustomed but by eliminating them, the country is conserving 12,600 tons of steel. This means that 1,200,000 more Bren guns can be made or 428 Ram tanks. Sizes have been carefully checked and considered in an effort to keep the most needed sizes on the market (see picture above at right). Those which in future will be available on grocery shelves at 48, 28, 20, 14, 12, 10 and five ounces. Two other cans of 105 and 136 ounces for institution and commercial use will also be available.

Should Use Resources of North in War Effort

(From The Halleyburian)

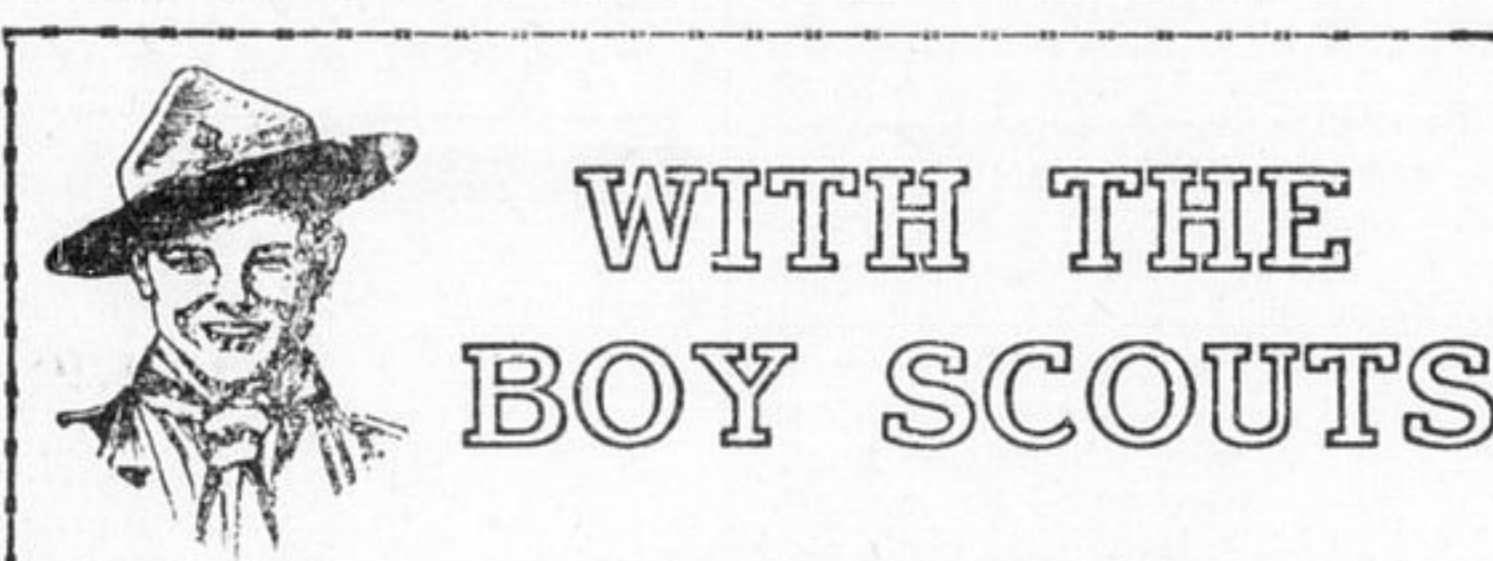
In previous articles in this column it has been pointed out that the resources of the North Country are not being utilized for the more thorough prosecution of the war that the power shortage could and should be relieved to some extent by locating some of the war industries away from the centres and that the housing question could also be at least partially solved by making use of the many unoccupied dwellings in northern towns to house families and dependents of the men who are serving in the armed forces. Halleybury itself is a good example of what resources there are that might well be utilized to the benefit of the whole war situation.

There are many other ways in which the resources of the North could be worked into the war effort. There are great areas of vacant land that would

to the layman at least, appear to be admirably suited for training centres. There is a building right in Halleybury owned by the Federal Government and erected several years ago as an Army that is largely unused. One Reserve company has a drill night once each week and the remainder of the time the arena is empty. Of course there is the recruiting office for the district which occupies a small portion of the building, and a certain amount of space is taken up with the equipment of the Reserve company, but the greater part of the local Armories is not made use of.

An attempt was made to have the airport at Earlton worked into the Air Training Plan but without success. The weather was unsuitable, those who placed the proposal before the authorities were told. There was also a proposal to make use of the Gillies airfield prepared at considerable cost some year ago as an emergency landing field for the Trans-Canada Air Lines, but this was turned down by the power that be. It was evidently thought best to buy land in Southern Ontario for training fields, land that was in constant use as farms, and that cost a lot of money, all designed to keep both war industries and war training centralized in the more densely populated areas, or so it seems.

Whether anything can be done to remedy the condition, from the North's standpoint, is not very clear. We can continue to press on the powers that be our viewpoint on the whole question, but what effect it may have remains to be seen. They simply tell us that it is a matter of transportation or some similar statement, and continue with the system of centralizing everything in or near the cities. However, the time may come before this war is over when a broader and more realistic view may be taken of the whole situation and some steps to make a wider use of the resources of the outlying sections of country may result.



Everything is now in readiness for Boy Scout Apple Day, Saturday, October 10. Packs and Troops have been notified of the districts they will canvass during the day. Apples have been arranged for, and tags, baskets etc. are all ready. The advertising committee have been very active and by Saturday there shouldn't be anyone in town who does not know what day it is. Groups will be organizing their districts that every house will be called upon, and no one will miss the opportunity of assisting the work being done by our organization. Details of the radio broadcast are given in the column below, and this will serve to further acquaint the general public with the work done by the movement. Headquarters have been secured in the J. Carnovale building on Pine Street, between Second and Third avenues, and this will be the centre of all activities. A. Wright has been named Scoutmaster in charge of the day, and his past experience in this capacity will mean much to the successful conduct of the event. All Packs and Troops have been asked to provide a certain number of boys to take care of the downtown area, which has always been one of the bright spots of the day. This group will take care of the sales in all areas not covered by group canvass. All that now remains is for the boys to turn out on Saturday in full strength and do an even better job than they did last year. This is really asking a lot but as we have learned in the past, the Cub Scouts of Timmins are just the ones to take almost impossible tasks and make them appear as "easy as pie." Everyone is asked to receive the boys in a way to show their appreciation for what they are doing, and to buy an apple to help them in their important work. Do your Good Turn for the Scouts. Buy an apple!

As will be seen by the above list, certain of the Packs and Troops have responded very well to the call for aid, while others have yet to show action. As we have mentioned before, we believe that all groups have been working on this effort, but have not yet sent in what sums they may have raised. With winter coming on again this money is urgently needed for the aid of our Brother Scouts in the war-torn lands, and it is up to us to see that they get it. If your Troop or Pack is one of those who has been slipping behind, go right after your Court of Honour of Sixers Council and have them send in your donation immediately. By an early date we hope to see a lot of those "goose eggs" in the above list changed to worthwhile figures.

District Cubmaster In Town On Visit

Scouters and boys alike this week are welcoming to town Ernie Lacy, District Cubmaster, and Mrs. Lacy. The unfortunate part of it all is that it is only for a very short visit as he must report back to R.C.A.F. Headquarters at Pinetown early next week. Few of us have yet had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Lacy, but are looking forward to doing so while they are in town. Mrs. Lacy, we are told, is a Cub Leader in Windsor and they met while attending one of the training courses for Leaders at Blue Springs. May your visit home be a pleasant one, and we are looking forward to the time when you will again take up residence in Timmins, and continue with the fine work you were doing with the Cubs.

B. P. Chins Up Donation Received from 1st Troop

The First Timmins Troop has done it again! Last week another fine donation to the Baden Powell Chins Up Fund was turned in by this Troop, the result of the refreshment canteen they conducted with the War Services Week at the Timmins Arena recently. Throughout the week different Scouts of the Troop turned out and served refreshments to the crowds, the full proceeds being turned over to the B. P. Chins Up Fund. This is the kind of effort which shows the boys are carrying out their policy of Friendliness and Brotherhood, and the First Troop has always been a leader in this type of service. The records show that the First Troop was among the first to make donations to the Fund, and ever since that first donation interest has been maintained. This is the second time the boys have made a financial contribution to the welfare of their overseas brothers who have sacrificed

thanking the Troop for the donation to the B. P. Chins Up Fund, which was made some time ago. The committee members spoke to the boys, telling them how much they appreciated the efforts of the boys, and at the same time charging them to keep up and carry on the good work. Plans were discussed to enable the boys to earn additional funds for the assistance of their Brothers, and if things work out as hoped they should soon be doing this in a big way. The Seventh Troop is undertaking the job of collecting books and magazines for the forces, working in connection with the Canadian Legion. We understand the Scouts intend to devote their Saturdays to this effort, and will be rendering a worthwhile service. At the meeting last week the recruits were shown more of the Tenderfoot work, and advanced Semaphore signalling came in for its share of attention. Apple Day was discussed and the Group District organized. The Seventh Group are out to claim the honour of having the bestcanvassed district, and the other Groups will have to go some to keep up with them. The Troop welcomed a new recruit, Jimmy Olson, who has shown some of the secrets of successful Scouting. Competition for the evening showed the Eagles with a substantial lead over the Wolves, standings being 35 and 19 points.

New Scribe Takes Over Duties of Fifth Troop

This week the new Troop Scribe, Raymond Clarcia, took over his duties in the Fifth Troop, and turned in a very good report of the meeting. Special instruction in fire rescue work was given by Scoutmaster Basciano including the Fireman's Lift and the Chair Knot. There were explained and demonstrated to the boys, and they were given a chance to try their hand at making them. This week all Scouts were instructed to bring baskets to be used on Apple Day, and were also asked to begin work on preparing a programme for the Halloween Party. Patrol competition in signalling was held between the Wolf and Beaver Patrols, which ended in a tie. The Eagles and Lions tried their hand at competitive knot-tying, with the Eagles being the winners. The Honour Patrol pennant was presented to the Wolf Patrol who won it after some pretty stiff competition from the other patrols.

Full Details Re Apple Day Broadcast

Final plans have been made for the radio broadcast in connection with Boy Scout Apple Day. On Thursday of this week Mr. Fernando Gauthier, vice-president of the Local Association, will speak to the French population at 4.55 p.m., directly following the French newscast. The same evening, at 7.30 p.m., Mr. W. F. Lawry, Association president, will address the public in English. General information on Scouting, what it has done and is doing and a general outline of the aims and objects of the Annual Apple Days, will be given by the speakers. All Scouts, Scouts and the general public are urged to hear these broadcasts. If you have been wondering about anything in connection with Scouting, tune in at 4.55 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. this Thursday.

Chancellor Makes Plea For Scout Leaders

"It is, in my opinion, of the greatest importance that the Boy Scout movement should not be allowed to suffer by reason of the loyalty of our Scout

Haileybury Has New Industry in Match Factory to Start

Former Pulp Mill to be Utilized for New Industry.

Last week there were reports in Timmins that Haileybury had secured a new industry. The first stories here were that the factory was to make splints presumably for use in the case of injured in the Army, Navy and Air Force. This mistake no doubt arose from the name of the new industry to locate at Haileybury — the Canadian Splint and Lumber Corporation. The "splints," however, are not for surgical use, but the sort of "splints" used for making matches. In any event here is the story as given by The Halleyburian last week:—

"Smokers in the Old Country soon will be lighting their fags with lucifers manufactured for the most part in Buckle township and the product in large measure of Temiskaming poplar, hitherto regarded as the Cinderella tree of the Northern bush. The output of match splints is expected to start within the next few months from the former pulp mill of the Northern Ontario Power Company, located on the main highway between Haileybury and New Liskeard, and which was sold this week to the Canadian Splint and Lumber Corporation, Limited, of Pembroke.

"The deal went through on Monday and that same evening H. Hart, vice-president and treasurer of the company which has acquired the property, told The Halleyburian that he hoped the plant would be in production "at or about the end of the year." The buildings would have to be remodelled to some extent to suit the needs of the new use to which they are to be put, and he estimated that 75 employees "or better" would be required to handle the work to be done at the mill.

"This is essentially an export business," said Mr. Hart, explaining that only splints will be turned out at the

leaders, Rovers and older boys who are now serving our country and its allies. There must be many people whose talents and abilities cannot be fully employed in what has become known as "War Work," who can be found to take their places, if this need for useful and agreeable service is made known." Mr. Justice Ford, Chancellor of University of Alberta.

Boy Scout Attitude Toward Life an Asset

"Whether one thinks of the immediate task of winning the war or the coming problem of reconstruction, the need of these times is a fuller measure of the Boy Scouts' attitude toward life. The type of character the movement seeks to develop in our boys constitutes not only a great national asset, but is indispensable in building the kind of civilization so urgently needed in our troubled world." — Hon. Hubert Staines, Minister of Education for Saskatchewan.

By this time next week Apple Day will have come and gone, and we hope to be back with some news on how the different Packs and Troops made out in their efforts on that day. Be seeing you all on Saturday. Good Scouting. — D. S. M.

plant, "and there is very little demand for domestic needs." Mr. Hart said that the product of his firm was "a smoker's match," as distinct from the household variety, and the finished article is done up in small boxes that will fit a vest pocket. The splints which are the match minus the head, are shipped largely to England, where the finishing process is done, and by this means the danger of fire in transit is eliminated.

"The company desired to have a plant close to the source of supply of the wood required for its product, Mr. Hart said, and he told the reporter that poplar would be used entirely for the manufacture of the splints. He said that arrangements had been made for adequate supplies of this raw material for years ahead. The wood would be brought to the plant chiefly by water being floated down the Blanche and Montreal Rivers and thence forward to the mill. In the case of settlers selling wood to the company, their loads would be brought either by freight or by road to the plant.

"Mr. Hart came in on Monday morning's train and was in conference with B. V. Harrison, general manager of the Northern Ontario Power Company, and the officers of that company during the day, in the course of which the transaction was completed. On the following day, Mr. Hart went north in connection with the new industry, returning to Pembroke on Tuesday evening. It was indicated that the location of the pulp mill was regarded as most suitable for the purpose to which it now will be put, and that the advent of a new industry would be of considerable advantage to the district as a whole.

"The mill had not been in operation for the past eight years. Mr. Harrison said that construction of that property by his company was commenced in 1921 and that operations were under way by the next year, continuing to 1934, when they were suspended. It was a ground-wood plant, with a daily capacity of 40 tons, the product being used for boxes and cartons.

"Located on the lake shore, the mill has facilities by road, rail and water. A spur line, part of the old Nipissing Central tracks, connects it with the main line of the T. & N.O., a bus service runs past the doors on the highway and road brought in by water can be floated alongside the plant."

Mountjoy United Church Y.P.U. Starts Meetings

In accordance with their plans to hold a social once a month, The Y. P. U. of the Mountjoy United Church assembled Wednesday night last week to carry out these plans.

Various games were played and throughout the evening. The music was supplied by Carl Johns, who is at present home on leave. Lunch of wieners and hot chocolate was served at ten o'clock.

There were about 35 members present.

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