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TELEPHONES-



The Fair Next Week

Meeting a war emergency is no new experience for Acton Fair, scheduled for next week. It is recalled that Acton Fair was first held in 1913. The next year war broke out. But through all the years of the war Acton Fair carried on, although it had just a one year start. Now, with an experience gained over the twenty-six years of war and peace 'times, Acton Fair will carry on.

And in doing so it is doing a service. Not only is encouragement and impetus given to production of the finset stock and produce but the fair and assembly of countryside will give cheer and encouragement. The present is not the time to lose heart and Acton Fair will play its part in maintaining the "Business as Usual" sign.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday are the days. The year has been bountiful in splendid crops in this section. Exhibitors should be proud to join in making one of the best displays ever seen at Acton. All \$34,872,100 in 1937. will do well to take the time to attend the Fair. If you are feeling blue it will help that depressed confar and wide at Acton Fair next week. Let's have a need of them clashing. bumper crowd as in boom years. You'll enjoy it and it will please President J. J. Stewart and every one are backing their efforts by your support.

Acton Fair next Tuesday and Wednesday. Let's

make it a general meeting place.

A Change That Was Needed

Citizens generally will appreciate as well as! shop-keepers that a standard set of hours has been adopted in Acton. Just as the office or factory worker is entitled to a regular hour, so is the shopkeeper. Whatever the cause of the lack of uniformity in the past matters little. That is all gone now with the passing of a new by-law at Council this week.

It may require a little more careful planning on the part of housewives. However, just as the by-law served and respected and causes little inconvenience now, so will the new shop hours, soon to become effective, cause little inconvenience to the public generally. The merchants deserve the break and the time for recreation: Regulation of store hours will give it to them. The public can help and will desire surely to assist in having all observe the by-law.

A United Front

Sunday 3rd, Great Britain declared war on Germany. The following Saturday Canada declared war against the same nation. Canadians as a whole anto all that party lines were thrown aside and Canada authorities round up the would-be profiteers. went in on a united front. Opposition Leader Hon. Dr. Manion showed a splendid spirit of co-operation. The attitude of Premier Hepburn is also commendable, in throwing aside his differences with the Prime Minister and giving whole-hearted support to the government at this critical time.

This whole-hearted support merits also like co- quickly. operation from the government. Great Britain expects and will receive real aid from Canada. How best that assistance can be given will no doubt be shown by the Motherland. There is a willingness to ever and it is well that assurance of united leadership in price. Yes, it may bring some of the funds out of has been given at the outset.

Have We Learned from the Last War?

The demands of war twenty-five years ago showed that Ontario could serve best by stopping the sale of intoxicating liquors. It took some little time after the opening of hostilities before this discovery was made. The years which followed after the war showed wisdom in continuing the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating beverages in the Province.

And then as the years rolled on we forgot of the needs of war time. A new generation came along, and memories had been dimmed by the years. seemed the popular thing to bring back the days of free sale of intoxicating beverages. We say it seemed the popular thing. Actually no popular vote ever much evidence to support the view that made such a decision, although other votes declared against the sale of intoxicating beverages.

Now we are at war again. And again comes the need for a sober nation to best serve the King and Empire. Surely we have profitted from the experiences of the last war sufficiently to again put on the Moreover there was a strong note of restrictions that will ensure a sober manhood and womanhood, ready and capable of the utmost in serrice. Wastime demands the best. Here is another transactions. And it goes without arguchance for leadership. A condition that came in without popular vote of the electorate can be put out in the same manners.

Unity of Action

Everyone is anxious to lend a helping hand in the cause that the Empire is fighting for. The anxiety and manufactured goods of all kinds to do a part may lead to an overlapping in some places and a wrong direction of the energy that is needed. Without a doubt there will be need for everyone to do a good deal before the war is over. The need will get greater as larger war battles develop. Britain is preparing for a three year wa and most everyone hopes that is over preparation.

Unity of action will accomplish most. New of course the advances will be reflected emergencies are best solved if that unity of endeavor can be obtained from the first. Just as political parties have thrown over differences we will necessity have to do likewise. By way of example: The Red Cross sent an appeal for organization and help in Acton to the Council. At the same time we have various organizations in Acton doing this same type of work. Couldn't we all get together and serve a wider purpose? It matters not what banner you march under, so long as the common cause is being served. Canadians have an important part to play at this time. Even if the progress is a bit slower, let's see that we make the most of our re-

EDITORIAL NOTES

Let's meet at the Fair next week!

Aggregate sales of 1,073 retail hardware stores in Canada totalled \$35,931,800 in 1938, compared with

Oh well, it was time the baseball season was over in the hands of an impartial Board at dition too. Get out and mingle with friends from anyway. The Fall Fair time is here and there is no

Plentiful rains throughout the season in thi of the officers in the organization to know that you district has left lawns as green and beautiful in September as they were in May.

> The C.N.E. is over for another year. Acton Fair is the next item on the program. All is in readiness for next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Poland has quite evidently not been as easy to conquer as Hitler anticipated. There are other matters, too, that will not go according to the book.

Those who doubted that Canada would present a solid front had no foundation for their doubts. When the necessity arose, Canada was not divided and evidence has been given in the votes in Parliament.

If the war measures passed by Parliament are to regulating the hourse of barber shops has become ob- be intelligently used there will need to be a concise presentation of them. Sifting them from the newspaper reports and contraditions will only make for

> The first weeks of the war have made quite evident the fact that it won't be possible to have news flashes from the front every few minutes. Might as well settle down and go about the job that Maynard, in Aberhart's cabinet. Will the hand finds to do.

Rising costs seem to be indicated in many lines, but surely these are not of such magnitude that it is necessary to continue in panicky buying. "Let those ticipated such action and it was a splendid example who want to hold have it for a few weeks until the

> It was really queer where all the stocks of sugar so suddenly disappeared. It has been a big handicap to the housewives in the midst of the canning season and the government would be well advised to invoke its powers in getting the stocks in circulation journey at Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatche-

Heard of rather an amusing incident the other day that concerned a man (not in Acton) who had been unable to pay anything on a two-year-old acserve by all and that energy can accomplish most count but produced several hundred dollars in cash when well directed. Leadership is needed more than to purchase a commodity he knew to be advancing

Ontario News of the Week

By Murdie McDenald

Popular move in Canada, during the first week of the new great war was the immediate functioning of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board at Ottawa. Profiteering stands out as one of the uglier memories of the last struggle, from 1914 to 1918, and already we have tion of large profits for those in control of key commodities.

Certainly the government now power is determined to stamp out any attempt to exploit its purchasing departments and consumers generally. satisfaction sounded by representative business men last week that steps were being taken to regulate all war business ment that citizens everywhere are in

This does not mean, however, the prices will not move upward. People through their government, may regulate the conduct of business, but they cannot do much against the old law of supply and demand. We will be paying more for butter, clothing, bread, gasoline, meat not to increase the profits of the farmer and the manufacturer, but because of tremendous strain to meet the requirements of a wartime market.

In less than a week the price of whe has advanced beyond the figure guaranteed the farmer by the government. The needs, of the Empire's fighting forces will send the price much higher. in the local prices of flour and bread The same way with butter. Tons of this

dairy product will be diverted to the military organization and it is not likely that Canadian farmers will be able to step up their production quickly enough to keep prices at the present level. Hardest hit will be those concerns which are dependent on the importation of raw materials. The adverse U.S.

exchange rate is even now worrying several manufacturers who are loath to jump prices right on the heels of their country's entry into war effort. Yet some of them are faced already with heavy operating loss because of the increased cost of importing. Gasoline companies, for example, are

now paying much more to get their crude oil in from the United States because of the difference in the exchange rate and shortly they will have to meet increased tankage charter rates at Montreal and Halifax. It seems certain that the motorist will have to pay more for his gallon of gas.

As a matter of fact, these circum tances are partly responsible for the welcome business is giving to Ottawa's more to regulate prices. Many executives feel that their case of costs is safe the Capital and that in this way they will get some protection against first thoughtless cry of "profiteering" when increased prices are sanctioned.

Real bright spot of the week has been the splendid example Premier Mitchell Hepburn has set for Canadians generally. Everyone knows how bitter was enmity against Prime Minister Mackenzie King. And yet the Ontario Liberal leader has thrown himself unreservedly in support of the Dominion Government in a time of national em-

On the other side of the picture, there does not yet appear to be any genuine move from Premier Aberhart to show the same loyalty to his country. Mr Aberhart, while committing his Government to a policy of supporting Canada and Britain in the war, tags on behind it a lot of resolutions about credit creation and announces that his Government is still going to continue its own policya policy which up to now has-been

marked by contempt of court decisions and open challenge to the constitution. It is interesting to reflect what short shift Ontario citizens would give to such sentiment in such a time of crisis as the present. It may be that Alverta citizens will rally as they did when the King and Queen visited them and pefore long repudiate the attiture of their

In this connection, it will be interest ing to watch what happens to Lucier he be ousted? Or will he resign? Already it is reported that Alberta citizens are up in arms over this proposal adopted by Sokal Creditors that Canada should not even manufacture munitions

VALUABLE CANADIAN FOX TRAVELLING TO ICELAND

Canadian fox destined for a new lif distant Iceland are now travelling to their restination in charge of the Canadian National Express. This pair of valuable breeding fox started the wan, travelling by rail to Montreal. Here they will go on shipboard and cross the Atlantic with their intermediate destination the Port of Leith in Scotland. From Leith they will proceed by another steamer to Reykjavik in Iceland and then continue to their new owner in Soudarkrob.

Bananas two feet long are grown

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CANADA'S FORESTS

nada's forests occupy million acres, or more than one-third the total land area of the Dominion, according to the Department of Mines and Resoruces, Ottawa. More than half of the forest area -492 million acres is capable of producing timber of commercial value. The remainder of the forests, situated on sub-alpine, sub-aretic, and other less favorable sites, are vol taine for their influence on climatic onditions, the control of stream flow and water supplies, the protection of win life, and as sources of wood supplies for the local needs of the native and white population. Of the productive forests it is estimated that 230 million acres at present carry timber of merchantable size, and on 262 million acres there young growth of various ages to mee-

future demands. The total amount of timber of merchantable size in Canada's forests is estimated at 273,656 million cubic feet, of which 170,144 million cubic feet is considered accessible by means of the present transportation facilities. This accessible and merchantable timber includes 245,313 million feet board measure of wood suitable for the manufacture of sawn lumber and 1,107 million cords which may be utilized as pulpwood, fuelwood, and mining timber. The softwoods, which are in the greatest demand for construction and for the manufacture of pulp and paper, comprise about 80 per cent, of the total stand and about

the same proportion of the annual cut, Canada's forests supply raw material to about one-third of the Dominion's manufacturing plants. These industries provide employment for about one out of every four persons engaged in the manufacturing industries and pay about one-quarter of the wages. The forest industries, including wood operations, provide the equivalent of full-time employment to approximately 179,500 people, cut ownig to the seasonal nature of the work, especially in the logging

and lumber branches, it is estimated that at least 350,000 workers receive a substantial amount of employment in the forest industries.

During recent years the use of Cannoteworthy importance. Abounding in lakes and streams, which in addition to their beauty afford excellent fishing, the forested lands are attracting increasing numbers of holiday seekers, not only from the urban centres in Canada, but from the United States and other countries. National and provincial parks, where special facilities are provided for recreation of this nature, are among Canada's outstanding tourist attractions, out for those who prefer the more arduous and adventurous life in teh woods there are nundreds of thousands of square miles of forest where the silence is broken only by the sound of rushing water or the call of some wild creature.

BLACK BASS GO WEST

Efforts to introduce black bass into he waters of Prince Albert National Park in Saskatchewan give promise of success. according to the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa: Another shipment of black bass from Eastern Canada was made to the park in early June. and shortly after the fish were placed in Lake Waskesiu, park attendants observed eggs and fry in a number of the artificial nests provided for the spawning of the bass. When ready for distribution, mimost 40,000 fry were taken

Previous plantings of blass bass were made in Lake Waskestu in 1937 and 1938, and a recent surevy indicates that these operations were successful. One catural nest was discovered, and several fish were observed. Reports of catches of small mouth black bass by anglers also support the view that the bass are becoming established in the park waters. If the introduction of blass bass into Prince Albert National Park proves successful, it will mark another triumph for fish culturists rivalling the planting of eastern speckled trout in the waters of some of the mountain parks. The olack bass were shipped from Eastern Canada to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, a distance of about 1,700 miles, in a

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