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G. ARLOF DILLS, Editor

TELEPHONES-



Off to a Good Start

Acton is to be congratulated on the efficiency and slate of officers has been chosen at the public meet- thus," he says, and goes to work. ing and the committee has been made inclusive enough to cover all phases of community activity. The willingness of all citizens to co-operate to give greatest service has been marked, too.

Acton and the community surrounding commences its activities on its section on the home front, with real efficiency. It is not necessary to urge all to give their best support to those who are shouldering the burden. Acton and the district will do their part.

Fortunate Acton Folk

Activities just now are taking on a different aspect with the changing of the season. Outdoor sports and attractions are giving place to those that are held indoors. In this respect Acton is more fortunate than most communities in having its Y.M.C.A. to turn to, where all sections of the community may meet in a social way for a full season of fall and winter activity. Acton is doubly fortunate too that through the thoughtfulness of the late J. A. Murray this building is provided debt-free and so arranged as to be self-sustaining.

This means that the membership fees required are only those to provide for the supervisor and activities. It means that the amount asked from the Therefore fees are only a fraction in Acton Y.M.C.A. period the previous year. to that which is necessary to be collected in other communities. The opening night gives promise of a splendid season. There will be no open house week means that the members who join early get the great- investment of \$19,193,394. est good from their membership. We understand the Membership Campaign is now on and already a number are enjoying the Y. privileges. -

duires no explanation as all are fully acquainted with road has been greatly improved. its purposes. There is a place for every age group in the program, and the Y. needs the support of everyone to accomplish the greatest good.

An Important Part of the Community

Those who attended the band concert on Sunday evening and heard the address by Professor Thiele. were given some food for thought on the place a band occupies in the community. Having had a band, always willing to take its place in every comtheir services for granted and not give them the place they deserve. Perhaps, too, never having been without these services, we do not realize what Acton would be without its band.

Not only in the home community but in the country around the Acton Band has carried Acton's good name. The past few years the boys have been taking part in competitions and the results have proven that in comparison with other municipalities Acton Band has made good. Such an organization is worthy of the support of all citizens and we believe has that

support. It takes many activities and institutions to make some effort and some financial support. The band ization."-Hon. Winston Churchill.

deserves a fair measure of support if it is to be an asset in the community. Professor Thiele gave some food for thought in his remarks on Sunday evening.

Tourist Traffic Shows Gain

Tourists entering Canada from the United States during the first eight months of the current year totalled 11,968,905 persons, compared with 11,838,379 visitors in the corresponding period last year, an increase of 130,526, according to the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa. While declines were Government since the declaration of war registered during the first five months of the year, these were more than offset by the increased movement in June, July and August. The tourist traffic reached its peak in July and August, when a total of 6,082,257 visitors from the United States entered Canada as against 5,740,512 in July and August a year ago.

Trying to "Pass the Buck"

Newspaper men find out about people. One of them, Albert Murray, has views on the Caspar Milquetoast characteristics of some citizens, which were aired recently in "Shining Lines." He pictures a red-faced man entering a newspaper office in a hurry. "Conditions in this city," shouts he, "are a scandal. Your paper ought to expose this man. will give you all the facts. You ought to come out with a blistering editorial against him. It is your 1918. Then, Canada's activity was centhey were sending their sons to battle civic duty."

The editor hears him through, then speaks: " tell you what we will do," he says calmly. "You write our paper a letter exposing the scandal and will be glad to publish it over your signature."

A period of silence follows, during which visitor cools down rapidly. He seems to shrink in size until he looks like a collapsed balloon. When he speaks again, it is in a different tone, lower and more apologetic:

"Why," he says, somewhat flustered, "you cannot expect me to do that. It would get me into trouble It would hurt me in my business."

After this speech the visitor begins to realize Canada to keep vital information from end that attacks on Canadian effort via promptitude with which the organization for Red there is little more he can say. The editor watches Germany. Cross and war work has been initiated. A splendid him move toward the exit and smiles. "It is ever

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada's exports of aluminum and its products were valued at \$23,743,887 in 1938, compared with \$18,623,475 in 1937.

under contract on mineral deposits during 1938 drill ed a footage of 2,296,773—almost 435 miles.

Steel mill operations in Canada were accelerated in August when 122,019 tons of steel ingots and castings were produced, compared with 82,871 tons in August, 1938.

The relief problem has a temporary solution, at least, in the larger problem of the war, but it is rather a calamity that a peace-time way out could not have been secured.

Canadian domestic exports for the eight-month young people and membership list is only what is period ended August 31st, 1939, totalled \$663,000,devoted solely to providing their own pleasure: 000, which is a gain of \$121,500,000 over the same

Rural telephone companies in Canada operate as has been the custom other years, but the classes approximately 62,000 telephones-five per cent. of have started right in on the season's activities. It the total number in the Dominion-representing an

The work on the second line is not on the section The benefit of this splendid institution in the between here and Milton, as some folks reported, community is surely fully realized by now. It re- but on the part north of the C.N.R. tracks, where the

> Colonel Eindbergh's claim to fame was won byflying an airplane. Perhaps for the retention of what he has won it would be best for him to continue to ride his first horse. He knows it better.

Quebec folk are going to have an opportunity of showing that they are a part of the Dominion and do not want to ostracize themselves from the benefits of munity function since 1872, we are often apt to take being such. But sharing means sharing in difficulties as well as in successes.

> Wherever the crowd goes the hamburg and hot dog stands follow. Several of these are doing a good business on the road adjoining the property on which the Grand River dam is being built. Sunday visitors make this quite a gathering place.

"Instead of two powerful and, to certain types of mind, captivating philosophies, we have a couple of sets of rival gangsters, joining forces in a jam, poola well rounded community. A good band is not ing their luck and trying to shoot their way out with among the least of these. To maintain it requires any loot they can carry through the G-men of civil-

Ontario News of the Week

By Murdle McDonald

rent that one of the most important appointments made by the Canadian was that of Chief Censor; that the genial but competent Walter Thompson has accepted-a task which will tax all his resourcefulness before hostilities

Because awareness is an inherent par of their idea of democratic liberty, most citizens of Canada feel resentful the moment authority pulls down the blind of censorship in the interest of nation's war aims and shuts off a view of what is going on. Fortunately, the level of intelligence in the country is comparatively high and the curbing of spread of information that would be valuable to the enemy, and views that would be prejudicial against a united war campaign is accepted as a neces-

But that acceptance is going to be a pill much more bitter in the swallowing direct appeal to Canadians that they prepared for the unequal enough strugthan it was during the conflict of 1914- were wrong in building up the idea that tred in England and France. Even a to safeguard freedom of thought and great part of the training of her troops action. Yet if the CBC were to have was carried on outside this country, and refused to carry Fosdick's address over the censorship of news of what we were its network, his words would have been doing was carried on by British authorf- heard direct from several United States ties. At that time there was no radio stations which can be picked up by

New features in this struggle plant the problem of censorship right on our which presents a real problem for the own doorstep this time. Providing the Chief Censer. In the first place, it war lasts two or three years, we will may lead to a plan by which the censor have in our midst the very heart of approves all United States' programs Empire's airplane development - the before they are piped into this country. building of machines and the training of Secondly, it might finally result in some personnel. Of necessity, newspapers, the sort of a conference between Canadian radio and individuals everywhere will and United States officials in an effort have to be silenced as never before in to find a basis of co-operation to the

It is just possible that there may be something more than "voluntary" censorship, by which radio station managers and newspaper publishers use their own good judgment. We may yet see made public.

war moves one way or another.

work, there was a howl from a section to work here.

To the Editors of Ontario: 87% of the cost of education in Ontario is paid locally out of the limited revenues of individual municipalities. 13% is paid by the Provincial Government in the form of grants.

Rich communities can have better

of Canadians who felt that some of our people would be influenced the wrong way by what the German leader had to Without entering into a discussion about the forcefulness or lack of force behind this attitude, it should be recalled that Hitler's speech was available to tens of thousands of Canadian citizens through their short wave sets and through long wave from United States

Just a week or so ago, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation broadcast in Canada the Sunday afternoon address of the Reverend Emerson Fosdick, eminent New York preacher, whose theme was, "Don't expect the preacher to idealize this war." Here, if anywhere, was a

So that we have a situation here, the airwaves may be minimized.

Important Canadian meeting of this week is the conference at Ottawa between the Federal Department of Labor and Ontario's Minister of Labor, on ways the Chief Censor's representatives plac- and means to meet the country's growing their stamp of approval on radio ing demand for industrial workers. Alscript and newspaper copy before it is ready there is a search under way for the skilled workmen in certain lines As for the censorship of views, again industry: What will the situation be we have a new problem, largely because | two years from now when Canada's great of the elusiveness of radio. Here, too, industrial plans are in full swing? it is not unlikely that interesting steps Either an intensive scheme of training may have to be taken to circumvent the of workmen will be launched immediately. Diamond drill operators in Canada, working few who would like to attack Canada's or there will have to be great numbers of Englishmen brought in to do the When Hitler spoke at Danzig, and the work. We might even see, an appeal speech was picked up and broadcast over made to former Canadians now working Canada's system of national radio net- in the United States that they return

schools, better equipment and libraries and well paid teachers. We find these conditions in a few large centres that have grown wealthy at the cast of the rest of the Province.

If your community is a smaller city town, village or township, it is harder for your people to support the big end of the cest of education and you probably get along with a relatively lower standard in accommodation and equipment, and you probably do not pay your teachers as well. These statements, of course, apply generally only.

If'it would be a good thing to have qual educational opportunities for every child in the Province, and if at the same time it would be desirable to have a Provincial Salary Schedule for teachers, how can these two objectives be realized when the sources of revenue and the extent of revenues of the municipalities are at such a wide variance and when these municipalities have to raise locally. the big end of the cost of education? Is it not reasonable that, if the Government, out of its many additional sources of revenue, were to pay for half the cost of education, it could enforce strict provisions regarding buildings, equipment, services and teachers' salaries that would guarantee that every child in the Province would have equal educational opportunities in order to become

Do you suppose your readers have ever thought about these very simple matters and how their neglect keeps education in Ontario from becoming fully modernized and universally available in its most complete form to every child whether that child happens to be born and reared in a rich community or in a poor one? In the past two years the Department

f Education has increased the grants but the amount contributed by Provincial Treasury will have to be multiplied several times in order to bring the Provincial expenditure up to 50% of the total. The Government is democratic and would only be able to make an outstanding step after the people themselves showed their desire for it.

Do you suppose your local Council would be interested if you took this question up in your columns in an advocacy to make educational opportunity more uniform, keep more money in your community and reduce your local taxation? Why not get back some of the money for your community that it has given and continues to give to the big centres and the entrenched financial, industrial and business interests? How Phone 29 could a redistribution of wealth more practical or more desirable form? Yours very sincerely,

A. C. TRUSLER, Field Secretary, Ontario Educational Society.

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