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The Opposition Grows

90% of these newspapers as opposed to the scheme, made. The opinion given by the newspapers is backed up by that of citizens generally. We have yet to meet one citizen who has expressed approval of the plan, and in every instance where opinions were given they were in opposition.

It is generally felt that if it is a war measure, the lasts until after Monday. municipalities have the same desire to curtail unnecessary expense. Wherever possible elections will not be held during the war but the decision of "where necessary" is one that should not be taken away from the municipality. Conditions of each municipality cannot be considered in this wholesale manner. In spite of the fact that municipalities have been told that plebiscites on the question are useless, we know that some are planned. Perhaps the record of the vote will prove to the Provincial Government conclusively that it is not popular.

Busy Men

This year there will retire from municipal office for the present four men who while having busy lives have found time to serve the municipality and render a good serivce, too. Heading that list in length of service is Mr. A. Mason, whose term has run over the past fifteen years and has found him occupying the positions of School Trustee, Councillor, Reeve and Warden of the County. In addition he has served on many organizations not elective and at present is Chairman of Acton and District Red Cross Society and doing a worthwhile job here, too.

Next in order comes J. M. McDonald, who has just completed ten years on the School Board, and nine of these as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Mc- 716,799 in the corresponding period of 1938. Donald has too found time in his busy life to serve on many organizations not elected by the ratephyers and is President of the Legion and on the Executive of the Red Cross, and giving capable leadership.

of service, with two years as Councillor and three' years as Reeye. Many would have welcomed a longer term for him if he had seen fit to have continued further honors. He, too, has served in other capac- over a thousand entitled to cast ballots on Monday. ities for the municipality.

Councillor Beatty, who also retires, has had one year as Councillor, and as a young man we feel will serve further terms later. But he too serves as executive on other organizations in the community.

The point we want to make is that every one of these men are busy men occupying important positions in business affairs. They are enjoying successnecessary time and had the necessary ambition to munity. They have served well and while retiring Review. from office at this time we realize full well that retirement for none of them means a cessation of community interest. Acton has been the better for the service that has been rendered by busy men.

On Tax Collection

On nomination night reference was made to the necessity for the collection of taxes and the efforts that had been made this past year in that part of the municipal work. The following item from the Municipal World can be appropriately quoted here:

are necessary to meet its obligations. If the taxes came settled.

are unpaid the Council is forced to borrow money to meet the debts and must pay interest on this money. The borrowed money and interest must be added to the next year's levy, and the taxpayers who do pay taxes must foot the whole bill.

"Eventually a settlement is made by a cash payment of arrears or a tax sale of the property on which the taxes are owing. Either plan bears heavy compulsory penalties, comprised of a by-law penalty not exceeding four per cent., and statutory interest of one-half one per cent, per month. This latter is continuous until the total amount is paid. When properties go to tax sale, additional costs are added for advertising and for treasurer's commission. every municipality reasonable pressure should be brought to bear on any delinquincy in tax payments. Just taxation is achieved when all in the community contribute fairly and promptly."

Assurance

The assurance given by Hon. James L. Ralston, in his address last week that "Nothing is undone that hand praise to Nazi methods as he atcan be done in our war effort" clears away some of the anxiety which was occasioned by the Government's "silence. This statement is backed up by effort to further the war against Nazifigures which show that the War Supply Board, under ism chairmanship of Wallace R. Campbell, President of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, has in hand the implication that he believes the Canadian contracts for \$25,000,000 worth of supplies, \$9,000,000 in the United Kingdom and \$10,-000,000 for aeroplanes in the United States. This is Mr. Hepburn is all in favor of the Nazi in addition to an order for \$25,000,000 worth of rail way equipment, announced some weeks ago.

It is quite evident that in this war things are being done differently than in the previous war, pressions gained headway because of Mr. Canada's war offert in evidently not to be the We are ready to admit our own desire for haste in our war effort, but both in Canada as in Europe the ing wholeheartedly behind the Empire's need for patience seems to be one of the big virtues war task necessary. We are thankful that the casualty lists have not yet taken on big proportions, But we do Finance" may find some discomfort in A rough estimate of the opinion of Ontario week- hope that government officials will endeavor to give knowing that the technique is Hitler's. ly newspapers on the Provincial Government's pro- out more information regarding Canada's participaposed extension of the term of municipal office gives tion and thereby assure all that every effort is being Feuhrer on the path which has made

EDITORIAL NOTES

Candidates all hope that the mild weather at least

Canada's population at the close of 1938 is estimated at 11,195,000, an increase of 89,000 over 1937.

Monday is election day. Be sure to vote. You may not have another opportunity for a while again.

Red Cross funds are still incomplete and are yet what has been emphasized on several a little short of the objective that has been set for occasions in this column: that enlist-Acton and district.

Exports of Canadian bacon and hams to the Unit- food, munitions and dollars. ed Kingdom in September amounted to 11,260,900 pounds, valued at \$1,897,731.

Christmas shopping is under way. THE FREE Press Christmas edition, to be issued next week, will help you solve some of your problems.

Canada's domestic exports in the first ten months of 1939 totalled \$726,741,865 compared with \$682,-

The hockey and curling interests are only retarded now from real activity by the weather conditions. Reeve McCutcheon comes third in term of years They seem ready to go when winter gives the word.

Attendance at the nomination meeting was count and his conduct of the work would have won for him ed at forty-three on Friday night, and yet there are

> Judging from the crowds of young folks one sees about the Y.M.C.A. these nights, it has become what. all had hoped for it - the community centre and gathering place for everyone.

Construction contracts awarded in Canada during ful business careers and yet they have found the the first ten months of 1939 totalled \$165,010,000, compared with \$161,572,700 in the corresponding give of this limited time to the affairs of their com- period of 1938, according to-the MacLean Building

> We refrain from any comment on the municipal elections in the editorial columns; because we do not desire to use any advantage the editor may have that is not open to every other candidate. But again we say he sure to use your franchise.

The last election held in Acton was for election of officials for 1935. In that particular year electors voted on Reeve, Councillors and Public Utilities Commissioner., Another election followed a couple "A municipality imposes each year such taxes as of months later, before the 1935 officers finally be-

Ontario News of the Week

By Murdie McDonald

comes from Premier Mitchell Hepburn. Here's what he is quoted as saying at

"It is a peculiar thing that the countries with the rubber money have the strong armies, while the countries which have strong financial positions have rubber armies."

Even those who have grown accustomed to the mespected remarks which come from Mr. Hepburn every buce and a while were shocked at the implications behind the words of the Provincial

Here was the spectacle of Ontarios elected lender apparently giving left tacked the policy of the Esderal Covernment to sateguard the Canadian dollar-in the face of the country's giganti

Unless he was wrongly interpreted in war armies of the Allies are weak; those o. the enemy strong. The report of his address also creates the impression that method of repudiating debts and of using money as a utility to put men to work on war preparations. It would be unfortunate if these im-

Henburn's impetuous method of speaking his mind. For the Premier has already placed himself on record publicly as be-

At the same time, those who berate bankers and so-called "International It was a lecture by the Socialist, Gottfried Feder, that really started the

nade the enemy of mankind. Here is

what Hitler says in his book, "Mein

Kampf" (Stackpole Sons Edition, page "For the first time in my life I heard

finance and loan capital. "When I heard Feder's lecture, t'e idea instantly flashed through my head that I had now found my way to one of the prime essentials for the foundation of a new party."

Because of Mr. Hepburn's attack on the policy at Ottawa, the address of H-n C. D. Howe to Toronto University stud ents was doubly interesting. Mr. Howe got after "uninformed public opinion" which asked for a change in the government war policy at Ottawa, changes which would be "as unwise as they would would be unwelcome overseas."

The Minister drew attention again ments would be limited to the number of men required and that Canadas greatest contribution to the commen cause would likely be the supplying of

And what Mr. Hepburn and a large number of other representative men throughout the country have apparent v failed to recognize is the strong fact that this war policy is the one recom-

nended and heartly desired by the heart of the Emphe.

Perhaps the best answer to Mr. Hepburn's criticism lies in this paragraph from Mr. Howe's sinech:

burn's; protecting the savings of the industry. prople, the value of the widow's insurance policy money, and making sure of Ontario contributed 2,896,477 ounces;

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The late James Haverson, K.C., was and Alberta. Spence, his cohort, have launched bitter matte, slags, etc., exported

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Canada ranked Lided among the gold producing countries of the world in 1938 authoraly to render the greatest possible when the production of new gold in the Dominion from all primary sources totalled 4.725,117 fine ounces compared with 4,096,213 fine ources in 1937. The gross value of the Canadian output in with rubber money, the Canadian Gov- increase of almost 16 per cent. over that Our for the preceeding year. The countity leaders at Ottawa prefer to carry on the and value of gold produced the Canadasound way, thus keeping up the solid in 1938 were the greatest ever recorded value of all farms, including Mr. Hep- in the history of the Canadian mining

Of the total only Att in 1938 the mines that the weekly pay envelope of the Quebec, 881,363 farrices; British Colum-Canadian workman to not depreciated bla, 185,706 ounces. Lesser quantities were recovered in Yakon, Saskatchewan Nova Scotla, the Morthwest Territories

wont to liken the Temperance forces to Production included 80.80 per cerit, in sheep crowding together when danger crude gold bullion bars produced at gold hoisted one another on their horns posits; 11.24 per cert in blister or anode whenever they assembled. It would seem copper; 0.02 per cent 2g, base lend bulthat the analogy may have to be revera- lion made chiefly from silverlead ores.

Pideration and particularly against the ounce of gold in Caradian funds was newly organized Toronto Temperance \$35.17 in 1938 compared with \$34.99 in Federation Policy of drift, swais Mr. 1937, ractically all of Canada's newly-Spence's description of the Federation mined gold buillion is sold to the Dominwork Countering, Dr John Coborn ton Covernment through the Royal Canclaimed Spence and his clique are actu- adian Mint at Ottawa or the Assay ated by disappointment in not getting Office at Vancouver. This gold is fecontrol of the Toronto Federation. In fined, converted 1516 fine gold bars: the meantime, through churches and weighing approximately 400 ounces each other interested bottles, the Canadian and is disposed of in world markets Temperance Federation is seeking to wherever the most advantageous net

of hours. The hope is to launch a vast. The total production of gold in the from the use of liquor for the duration has been estimated at 1,294,935,511 fine ounces. Production in the United States since- 1792 is placed at 249,850,780 fine ounces; production in the Transvasi since 1684, the commencement of the She thar astically, to stranger at same fields, 3.40,091,604 fine ounces, and 65. estaurant table) - I hoje you won't mind 131,533 fine ounces valued at \$1,650,-506,113 have been produced in Canada H - Cer ainly not, lady, so long as I since the first recording of gold statistics

By R. J. SCOTI

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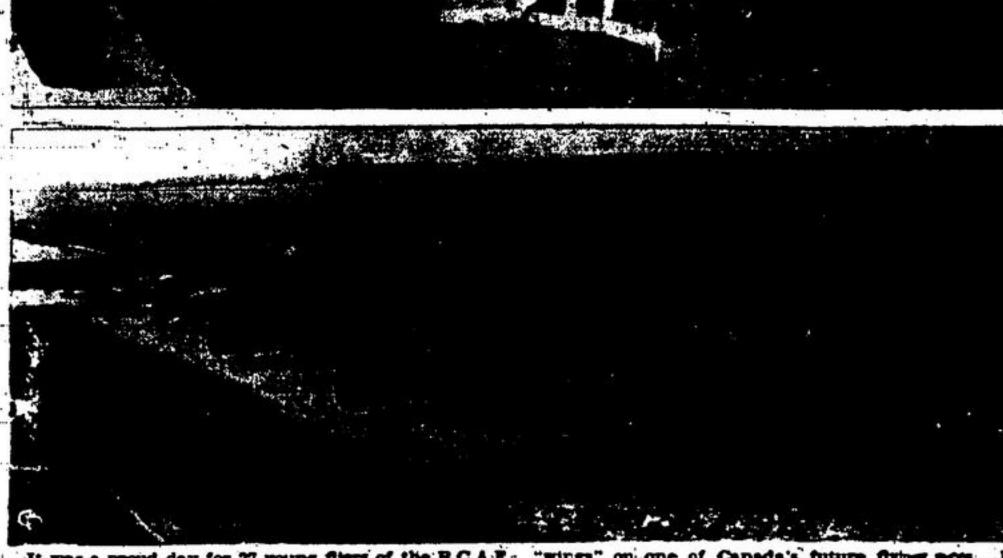
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