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EDITORIAL

The Opposition Grows

A rough estimate of the opinion of Ontario weekly newspapers on the Provincial Government's proposed extension of the term of municipal office gives 90% of these newspapers as opposed to the scheme.

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 service, 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.

Councillor Beatty, who also retires, has had one year as Councillor, and as a young man we feel will serve further terms later.

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 successful business careers and yet they have found the necessary time and had the necessary ambition to give of this limited time to the affairs of their community.

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.

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.

Assurance

The assurance given by Hon. James L. Ralston, in his address last week that "Nothing is undone that can be done in our war effort" clears away some of the anxiety which was occasioned by the Government's silence.

It is quite evident that in this war things are being done differently than in the previous war. Canada's war effort is evidently not to be the same. We are ready to admit our own desire for haste in our war effort, but both in Canada as in Europe the need for patience seems to be one of the big virtues necessary.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Candidates all hope that the mild weather at least lasts until after Monday.

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 a little short of the objective that has been set for Acton and district.

Exports of Canadian bacon and hams to the United Kingdom in September amounted to 11,260,000 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.

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Ontario News of the Week

By Muriel McDonald

Most amazing contribution of recent days to the thoughts of Canadian citizens comes from Premier Mitchell Hepburn.

Here's what he is quoted as saying at Aylmer, Ontario: "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 unexpected remarks which come from Mr. Hepburn every once and a while were shocked at the implications behind the words of the Provincial Premier.

At the same time, those who berate Hepburn as a so-called "International Finance" may find some discomfort in knowing that the technique is Hitler's.

It was a lecture by the Socialist, Gottfried Feder, that really started the Fuehrer on the path which has made him the enemy of mankind.

"For the first time in my life I heard a basic arrangement of international finance and loan capital."

Because of Mr. Hepburn's attack on the policy at Ottawa, the address of H. N. C. D. Howe to Toronto University students was doubly interesting.

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ment and heartily desired by the heart of the Empire. Perhaps the best answer to Mr. Hepburn's criticism lies in this paragraph from Mr. Howe's speech:

"It will be the purpose of those in authority to render the greatest possible effort, short of wrecking Canada's economy, to maintain to the very end the middle of the war will help us do it."

The late James Inverness, K.C., was wont to liken the Temperance forces to sheep crowding together when danger threatened; the liquor men to goats who hoisted one another on their horns whenever they assembled.

place all restrictions possible on the sale of liquor. The hope is to launch a vast campaign for the voluntary abstinence from the use of liquor for the duration of the war.

THE RETORT IN KIND

She said astutely, to stranger at same restaurant table: "I hope you won't mind my eating while you smoke."

CANADA RANKS THIRD AMONG GOLD PRODUCING COUNTRIES

Canada ranked third among the gold producing countries of the world in 1938 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 ounces in 1937.

Of the total output in 1938 the mines of Ontario contributed 2,806,477 ounces, Quebec, 181,263 ounces, British Columbia, 185,706 ounces, lesser quantities were recovered in Yukon, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, the Northwest Territories and Alberta.

The estimated average price per fine ounce of gold in Canadian funds was \$35.17 in 1938 compared with \$34.00 in 1937, practically all of Canada's newly-mined gold bullion is sold to the Dominion Government through the Royal Canadian Mint at Ottawa or the Assay Office at Vancouver.

The total production of gold in the world since the discovery of America 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 Transvaal since 1884, the commencement of the fields, 340,091,804 fine ounces, and 65,131,533 fine ounces valued at \$1,050,000,113 have been produced in Canada since the first recording of gold statistics in 1858.

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SALLY'S SALLES

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Twenty-seven Fliers Receive Wings in Colorful Ceremony



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When they received the coveted "wings" of the R.C.A.F. hundred officers and men, Boston, witnessed the ceremony at a special ceremony at the Trenton air station.

Group money, which will send the 27 youthful fliers high into the air to learn the art of aerial warfare.

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