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Just Around the Corner

To some it may seem a bit early for the issue this week of THE FREE PRESS Christmas edition. But with no snow and little real Christmas weather yet evident and just a little over two weeks until the big event, there is evident need of an inculcation of the Christmas spirit to avoid last minute disappoint-

ment. But this Christmas edition of THE FREE PRESS is more than our way of helping you in the Christmas rush. We are but the means that local business places on Acton's business streets take of telling you' about how you can shop to advantage in Acton. It's a co-operative plan of putting into your local paper. maintain our community. They have prepared splen- tario.-Bowmanville Statesman did stocks for Christmas selection. You are assured of courteous helpfulness from all of them and a friendly interest in you and our common problems when you visit Acton stores. They are inviting you to come and see your stocks. Their invitation is extended in a friendly way through your community newspaper. Your home town demands your first consideration. Your home business places will improve as you give your encouragement and patron- the season" without being accused of using the phrase

Christmas Tree Devastation

of reforestation the thought has often come to our now to interfere with the Christmas spirit. mind why does the government tolerate the ruthless destruction of trees for Christmas tree purposes on are heartily in accord with the following views ex- much below what it should have been. pressed by the Fergus News-Record:

"Christmas tree time is approaching and it won't be long now until truckers from the cities are going to the bits of bush and swamp land and cutting down those kinds of evergreens favored for Christmas

"The sale of Christmas trees arouses several problems that keep coming up from year to year. There are no restrictions on the cutting of trees. Anyone who likes may go out and buy any number of trees to take back to the city to sell. Any persons with a truck and nothing much to do may think this is a way to make some easy money. The results are bad. Far too many trees are taken to most cities. A large proportion are wasted, and those which are sold are probably sold at too high a price. But the worst feature of all is that many of the trees are not bought but they are stolen. They belong to the farmers or other land owners; they are as much a crop as anything else grown on the farm, and no person has any right to help himself.

"For years, this paper (with others) has advocated that some legislation should be passed to license view. persons who sell Christmas trees in the cities, or some other method of control put into effect in order to where purchased." --- ...

We Might Read It Again

themselves with this extract from the Defence of deceased.-Carleton. Place Canadian.

Canada Regulations, which became effective everywhere in Canada on September 3rd: "No person shall. by word of mouth spread reports or make statements, false or otherwise intended or likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty or to interfere with the success of His Majesty's forces, or of the forces of any allied or associated powers, or to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign powers, or spread reports of make statements, false or otherwise, intended or likely to prejudice the recruiting, training, disciple, or administration of any of His Majesty's forces."

A Bit Personal

It's been some years since the name of the editor of this paper appeared on a ballot paper in Acton. Perhaps we may be pardoned if we give a personal expression in these columns which belong to the editor. Last week we preferred to make no comment on the election as such would have been an unfair advantage.

We have attended meeting of public bodies in decision is being made not to tolerate the military authorities would have to was had," meaning "be in health." It Acton fairly regularly for over twenty years. While any longer the continued preaching by not a voting member, we have been accorded a lot of of freedom at these meetings, a privilege we have always tried not to abuse. But this attendance gave Russians joined with the German ban- emphatically asserts that Dr. Irwin cer- tans condemned it as an ungodly dish. us almost the same interest and privilege as if we were a member of the body. It is therefore evident that we could not get a thrill out of being made a member of an elected body. The election did, however, give us a thrill that was different. Practically all of the life of the editor has been spent in Acton. For the past twelve years the opinions of the editor at the general of democracy, the cradle have been given freely in these columns. Many of them have been contrary to those of our readers.

friends shown in the vote and of those who have many in the ranks of communistic known him all his life giving an endorsation in electing him to any office. It's pleasant to have the assur- continue will find the going hard. ance that these friends are back of you. We hope we will never betray that confidence.

High Cost of Distribution

The chief single fact emerging from a survey of Pearce, former Controller for Toronto, distribution costs made by the Twentieth Century that he will run for Alderman in Ward Fund is that it costs considerably more to distribute Four. That's the ward now represented goods than it does to make them. The special re- has entered with the avowed purpose of search staff found that out of every dollar spent by fighting Communism. It will be interthe consumer, about 59c goes for the service of dis- esting to see how the electors respond. tribution. In 1870 of all gainfully employed workers 25 per cent. were engaged in distribution and service activities. By 1930, the workers in production had dropped to 50 per cent. of the total, while those in distribution had doubled. Right here in Bowmanville we have a glaring example of overlapping and the pre-Christmas news and the store news sought by tremendous waste, in the distribution of bread with exception. That is the encouragement those confronted with the Christmas gift problems. 177 different bakeries either selling or peddling bread You have just fourteen more shopping days. You in town. The government in its war program of elim- the conduct of this business are hard will find helpfulness in every advertisement in this inating waste in distribution might well consider this at work making plans to entice every last issue. These are the local business men who help, problem as it exists in most municipalities in On-

EDITORIAL NOTES

Just fourteen shopping days and three Sundays before Christmas. The time is short.

One can now wish to friends the "compliments of as election propaganda.

It's great to have the municipal elections clearned Since we have become interested in the problem away before the Christmas season starts. Nothing dustry will attempt to keep down the

Barrie has a population of 8,527 and had an atwhich they have spent thousands of dollars to develop tendance of about 80 at the nomination meeting. In in reforestation plants? Right along this topic we comparison Acton didn't do so bad, but it was still

> Hanover has not organized yet for Red Cross work and the Post says that a meeting will not be held until after the elections for organization of this work. Surely that progressive community is not one one of those one-man towns.

If you had bought, at \$100, one share of General Motors when it was organized in 1908 and had exercised all rights and privileges subsequently, you could have sold the equivalent of your single share at \$33,000 at the peak of the 1929 boom market. Neal O'Hara, in New York Post.

Upon the merits of this war-time prohibition of the time-honored right of municipal voters to change their elective bodies there is some difference of opinions, though a majority seems to be adverse. But as to the arbitrary imposition of the government's will upon the people of the Province there can be little division of opinion .-- Woodstock Sentinel Re-

Municipal Councils frequently have difficulty in attack these two problems-overcutting and theft, impressing on merchants and others the necessity of We are glad to see that the Bruce County Council sending in their accounts promptly. Perhaps one of has passed a resolution asking that vendors be com- the most outstanding cases of delayed payment ocpelled to procure licenses and show a signed certifi- curred at the last meeting of the Gananoque Council cate indicating the kind and number of trees and when a voucher, issued in \1930, was apparently lost sight of until discovered by the executors of the estate. They presented it to Council and this body honored the document and applied the amount All Canadian citizens would do well to familiarize against the outstanding taxes on the estate of the

Ontario News of the Week

By Murdle McDonald

There are those who are speculating we can leave the field of world speculation to others! there is no need to speculate on the effect this action is having in Canada. Generally speaking, citizens of this country have been tolerant in their attitude toward the group, which would set up in this country a system of government patterned after Russia's. We have inherited the British idea of bending backwards in our effort to cherish free speech, freedom of thought.

There are several indications now, Communists of the doctrine of their land, this country is even now a dangerous one for the Communist.

speech wherever that free speech strikes of free speech. Now that the dictator. Stalin, has presented himself to the world as an aggressor, just as unprin The thrill the editor received was the loyalty of cipled as Hitler, it is safe to assume that ganizations in Canada and the United States will desert. Those who elect to

> This situation lends added interest to the forthcoming municipal election in Toronto, where at least two Communists will likely seek re-election: Aldermen Salsberg and Smith. Significant fact in the news is the announcement by Claude by Salesberg, the Communist, and Pearce

With war the main item of business before Canada's governmental bodies, there are several peace time pursuits which will be neglected until the unpleasant business of fighting is 'concluded. But you can be sure that there is one of these that will prove to be the of tourist trade from the United States. tourist available across the border dur-

Before the snow has cleared away the spring, Provincial and Municipal gov ernments will be co-operating with Ottawa to clear away every last obstacle in the rath of United States visitors. Customs officials and police at the border points will be instructed to make entrance into Canada as convenient as possible; financial houses will facilitate the changing of American money into Canadian money so that the tourist gets full advantage of the difference in the rate of exchange; hotels and tourist camp operators will be asked to continue their policy of good will among the visitors, and all branches of the automobile incost of motoring in this country as low as possible as an added inducement for the car driver from the United States. You do not have to go far for the reason: these tourists bring in

money to the country, and with war putation of Temperance Workers that

Canada-and left it here. And of that the Premier. sum, Ontario got \$116,000,000. Then ow about what world-reaction will fol- bear in mind that the sum set aside by low Russia's attack on Finland. While the Federal Government this year for was expenditure was \$150,000.

Ferguson denied the Toronto Star access to the Parliament-Buildings has such a situation arisen as the fight between Premier Hepburn and Dr. A. J. Irwin, Secretary of the Canadian Temperance Federation. When the deputation waited on the Premier last week. responsible for putting soldiers on the friends, the aggressors. Stiffening of himself, and that he (Dr. Trwin) made flavor. Mince pie originated in 1596. It this attitude was noticeable when the no such request. Mr. Hepburn just as first was made from mutton. The Purithat Stalin has shown his hand in Fin- F. Summerhayes, a member of the deby stating that Dr. Irwin was the first More and more, it is becoming appar- to raise the question. The upshot is Mr. ent that one of the results of the present Hepourn declares that in future Dr. world war will be the curbing of free Irwin will be barred from the Parliament

Mr. Hepourn made it clear to the de- egg there.

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costs constituting a heavy drain on this there will be no modification of liquor country's resources, this money will be regulations in Ontario during the war.

doubly, welcoming during the next year. He did intimate, however, that there A partial idea of how big this tourist might possibly be a change in the closindustry is, may be seen in figures re- ing hours of beverage rooms to make tistics. In 1938, United States motor The request of the deputation for County tourists alone brought \$178,000,000 into. Local Option met with no response from

Christmas fare has always occupied a big part in Yuletide celebrations. Our Not since the days when Hon. Howard | Anglo-Saxon forefathers were excellent trencher-men, and eating and drinking were a necessary part of every gala day. Stuffed boars' heads, peacocks, geese, capons, pheasants, mince pie, plum pudding-these decked the board. The turkey was unknown. "That excellent DRS. FREED AND STEVENSON fowl did not enter the bill of fare until Hepburn declared that he would not be the discovery of the New World. Of Phone-Milton 235r3 - After 10 p.m. course, there was drink aplenty. Punch "Indian list." and if they were to be was the customary wassail bowl. This Office Hours: 8-9 a.m., 1-3 p.m., 7-8 p.c. prohibted from entering beverage rooms, takes its name from the Saxon words, apply the ban themselves. Dr. Irwin was a great bowl of punch into which says the Premier introduced the matter | Laked apples were thrown to enhance its

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