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G. ARLOF DILLS, Editor

TELEPHONES-



The Public's Business

Sometimes citizens do not realize the part the press plays in giving news of public business. For nstance, the press in Acton for a number of years has sent a representative to Council. Public Utilities and School Board meetings. It is the general practice of all these boards to notify the press of the regular and special meetings and we have always been made welcome and free to get all items in connection with public affairs.

It is interesting, therefore, to read of what hapvens in other towns where the press is not allowed to become familiar with public meetings. In Fergus, a woman who has been holding responsible municipal positions is serving a sentence for a misapproprintion of public funds. The News-Records tells us that for years the late editor endeavored to secure information' regarding the Commission's without success, and could not find out when meetings were being held. In the relief department, the News-Record was refused information and an inspector went so far as to say he would cut off all relief tion should undertake this work. grants to Fergus if the paper published information et had obtained. There has been several years in which no auditors' report was published.

The public has paid heavily for this procedure in the shortages which have been revealed. There's generally something wrong when the public are denied information about their own business.

In Smith Falls, the School Board voted \$50 each to members to attend a convention in Toronto. The appropriation was made when the press was absent from the meeting, but, like other things, leaked out later and is aired fully in this week's Record-News. It seems that some of the delegates spent little time at the convention but enjoyed the outing at the municipality's expense. These are things that happen when the public is not kept informed of its business. When the preseris excluded from meetings it pretty well this year. is usually something that won't stand the scrutiny of the public and the public pays in the long run, as this tout delegates.

Actonians Away from Home

One of the incidents we greatly enjoy when attending conventions is meeting former Actonians and learning of their activities in the adopted city, success Convention programs never allow time to visit any of these friends in their homes or to arrange to meet conventions and an opportunity to discuss the town they all are pleased to hear about and are still interested in, in spite of the fact that they may have

been away for years. meet. The first chance meeting was with one who take. You need an extra one if you have a receiver did not reside in Windsor. 'We were made acquanit- in your car. ed with Dr. James Tallman. It was a strange name === to us until we recalled Jimmie Tallman, who acquired his High School education here; back in 1918 or F is now Professor in History, and Assistant Librarian C. W. Odlum. at Western University in London. He was lecturing " a class in Windsor on Saturday and hence his

presence there. were holding a fashion show at the Prince George best price for eggs is some other time. Poultry Hotel. Knowing of the activities of Mrs. Wm. Laird raisers must feel the same about it as a seasoned in this work, we made inquiry if she were present. At producer who exclaimed, years ago, that "The the same time Mrs. Laird was making inquiry at the packers want the kind of cattle the farmer ain't desk for the representatives from Acton. as the got."-Farmer's Advocate.

Windsor Star had carried a list of those attending, which she had read. Between newspaper convention activities and a few moments Mrs. Laird could spare we managed to talk over incidents concerning Acton. Mrs. Laird was presiding at a table at this social function of the I.O.D.E. in Windsor.

We learned of the activities of many other Actonians from these conversations. But wherever one may go there are to be found those from the same town and it is most interesting to learn of the part they are taking in the world to-day. We have yet to Royal Commission on Dominion-Provinmeet in convention in a community where some one from Acton is not to be encountered.

On the Same Coach

Like many other folks, we do not use the railway Joseph Strots, of Quebre, and the Comfor as frequent trips as was the case a few years mission became known as the Birols ago. We, therefore, can perhaps see things more readily and see a story while riding a train. One must do something to put in the Time, and what interesting glimpses one gets of life from the contacts on a train.

For instance, the other night coming from Windsor, our seat companion was an elderly lady, who under way was a broad review of the had been in Detroit to visit a sister. This Detroit sister, who was 87, had broken her hip and it was feared she would not last long. The parting of the therefore of prime importance to the two sisters had been sad. In contrast, the lady who occupied the seat adjoining Mrs. Dills had been to Detroit to see a new grandchild. The baby was a relationships established between Prothree healthy girl, and the grandmother was returning to her thome, quite elated. Sunshine and shudow both travelling from the same city.

At another stop along the line a wedding party a closely guarded secret, but from our boarded the train, amidst showers of confetti and sources at Ottawa we are embled to do sent off on a honeymoon by the usual bevy of friends who were thoroughly enjoying the occasion, as were when at last the report and recommenthe bride and groom. It was a jully group. Over- dations are disclosed shadowed on the station platform, and unnoticed by most, was a little group of four. The father was in the air force. The little lad, about two or three, had hament amend the BNA What it time a similar uniform on. The train came in and the will do is to point out problems, set forth man in the service of his country gave a hasty farewell to the little chap and his wife, and strode for others, renew the knotty problem the train. Some way, the bearing indicated that both revenues and taxation and then recomman and wife were fighting a battle to make no outward sign of how the parting hurt. The little three-year old waved a farewell to daddy. couples, one starting in the sunshine and one going through the shadows. Yes, even a railway coach has its mirror of life.

More Trees

Last week a tree planting project got under way when Halton County started the planting of 30,000 trees on a ninety-three acre farm in Nassagaweya. It is hoped this is only the start of such plantings. Last week Acton Council received an offer from "The Men of the Trees" to supply good-sized trees of the ornamental type, if a request was sent in. Council were a little handicapped to know what organiza- we have in mind Ontario is not one of

The west section of the Park needs a considerable planting and there are sections of our streets the troubles. Hence the solution may that would be greatly improved with a few addition- imperatively require political action of al trees. For the lack of an organization to handle the offer we hope it will not be passed up. Surely any one of our community-minded organizations can have to grasp boldly a nettle which, if head up the task and arrange to secure the trees and touched too gingerly, may sting considplant them. Such work will bring remembrance of those who undertake it for years to come. Council but if national unity is promoted therehas the letter and details. Make inquiry from the by, the wrestling will have been worth the Clerk, Reeve or Council. Let's made a start on tree planting in 1940 and continue each year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Spring and Daylight Saving Time sychronized and some of the processes may have

Production of radio receiving sets in Canada but of a military nature, have been asthe evidence above shows. Smith Falls paid \$400 for during 1939 totalled 348,507 sets, valued at \$8,678, sailed, but whether those, let since, call

> Have yet to hear any important fish stories, but then perhaps those who enjoyed fishing over the week-end are a little backward in mentioning their

Perhaps some folks with a memory that goes them. Invariably there is a chance meeting at these back a few years can recall when Daylight Saving Time caused quite a local confusion. Most of us are thankful, that period is oven.

There'll be no need to keep that extra radio set We knew there were several Actonians in Wind- hidden now. One radio license is all that is now sor, and wondered how many we might chance to required for the sets installed in any private resid-

WHAT OTHERS SAY

thereabouts. He enquired about Acton and former "We will win this war by equality in physical friends and we endeavored to answer. Dr. Tallman factors plus a spiritual element."-Brigadier General

When hens laid in the spring, as nature intended. eggs were a good price all winter long. Now that Saturday afternoon the chapters of the I.O.D.E. hens have been tricked into laying all winter the

Untario News

By Murdle McDonald

of the Week

of the impending session, of Canada's new parliament will be the report of the cial relations. When first appointed this committee was headed by the then Chief Justice Newton W. Rowell, and was best known as the Rowell Computssion. On his retirement through health, the chairmanship passed to Dr.

This Commission held inquiries all over Canada into differences between the Provinces and the Dominion in regard to their respective fields of jurisdiction in legal and constitutional matters and in regard to fields of taxation, and it was evident that what was really working-out of the part of Confederation

members of the new Parliament and may have very far-reaching effects in leading the way toward revisions of the vinces and the Dominion by the British North America Act, which is Canada's

Details of the report have been kept won't be found very wide of the mark

To begin with, it will not, we feel sure, directly recommend that Parliament pass resolutions asking that the British Parsolutions, express itself as favorable toand the Dominion will be called to sit I wo in at this conference if the recommen dation is adopted by the Pederal Government, and every point referred to in the Commission's report will be thereaghly threshed out. As a result, Parliament may then legislate of itself where it has the authority, and may ask the British Parliament to amend the BNA, where that course is required, to give effect to may changes agreed

upon by the Constitutional Conference Probing a little deeper below the surface, we would not be surprised if, in regard to three, perhaps four, of the Provinces problems would be divulged which will require both a political and a financial solution. In the Provinces them the causes and sources of their financial difficulties are such that war will not help but can only accentuate a highly important character It may be that Canada's war parliament may find itself in a position where it will erably Wrestling with internal prob-

We mentioned in the column-last-week some other important things which the new M.P.'s will have to face. Among them, the question of investigation of war contracts. It takes time to swing over from a peace to a war economy seemed pretty, s'othful in spots. But, by now, plenty of war contracts have been let. Some contracts prior to the war,

TORONTO FACTORY TURNS OUT BEEN GUNS

weeks ago you might have heard a new the best product. and atrange sound arising above the normal bustle of industrial activity.

the signal of a new Canadian accom- are used in conjunction with 600 mach-

ound was made in its entirety from mw Canadian steel, tenapered and treated by

hundreds of Caractian brothers of this. the world's most modern and efficient from the moment it to so many lumps of light machine gun, will travel from the simpeless steel until it is a deathly assembly-line. They will fire their first weapon of precision, takes in 2,846 separ thursts on the plant's testing range and ate and distinct operations. be handed over to the forces of Canada It starts this journey as 101 pounds of

of machine guns, or any other kind of temperatures light weaton, for that matters

production of gans, because military British Empire The name "Bren" is a For Appointments Phone Acton 65 -00 realized the tremendous difficulties to be faced in settling up the necessary manufacturing facilities.

However, thunks to the skill and yer satility of Canadian workmen and enfull five months whend of the allotted

expected to contain many faults, subsequently to be corrected by adjustments to machines and increased experience orr the part of the workmen -themselves

for light seems doubtful. There is bound to its own forces and 5000 to Great to be an opposition demand for full Britain details of essential was contracts to be disclosed to parliament except where such details would aid the enemy But it does not look as though much scan dalmongering will feature the session Nevertheless we have a free parliament, members have real rights and opportunity for investigation certainly is there, if members see fit to selze it Ber anything himy happen.

Yet, to use the words of a plant official, "She noted like a lady,"

Mounted on the test range, it plugged Had you been danding in the vicinity its bullets into the target as speedily of a Toronto manufacturing plant a few and accurately as could be expected from Some idea of the enormous task that

had been accomplished with the firing of It was the starcato bark of a Breil that first gun may be gained from the machine gun and the burst of firing was fact that 17,604 fixtures, tools and gauges plishment -- an accomplishment that thes in turning out a Bren gun. Hecause may take on more and more significance they had no counterpart in other lines of industry, a great proportion of thez-The machine gus that fired that first tools, gauges and other pieces of equipment had to be made in the plant itself Even in the steel many problems are Canadian experts, fushioned into its in- presented, because each Bren gun conricate shape by the hands of Canadian tains fifteen different alloys which must be constantly examined and checked by

To-day, and for many months to come, expert metallurgists. The journey taken by the Bren must

and the Motherland to play their part steel and completes it as 21 pounds of in winning the Allies' eventual victory. Imachine gun, trimmed down in some in-The story of how these complicated stances to accuracies of 4/1,000 of an weapons were taken from the drafting Inch. Such precision reaches its highest boards of Burope and put into Canadian degree in the standards room of the production is one of the most interesting plant, where there are measuring devices The report of the Commission is in the annals of Canadian industrial capable of registering up to ten onemillionths of an inch. This room is kept The vast majority of our Canadiars at a constant temperature of 68 degrees workmen, it must be remembered, back It to prevent even the slight expansion Office 22 never before worked on the production and contraction of steel due to changing

> The gun Haelf is designed as a success-When the Canadian concern was given or to the Lewis light machine gun 10 to contract, it was allowed two years is primarily an infantry weapon. It is

> the standard light muchine gun of the authorities here and in England well contraction of "Brunn" Czecho-Blovakia where the gun was first developed and "Enfield" in England where it was refireed and perfected for use in the British

> It fires one magazine clip of 30 rounds tri 4 seconds and a well-trained crew of two soldiers can fire 210 of its 303 calibre cartridges in one minute includ-The first gun to come off the line was ling the time necessary to change clips gun and all principal parts are inter

> > locked thus doing away with nuts and the for Extractions In its initial order, Canada will supply ---a total of 12 000 of these weapons 7,000 P. W. PEAREN, D.D. S. L. D. S.

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with a man cating fish

"Only last year in India" boomed the lub bore. "I suddenly found myself face quiet little man in the corner, "in a restaurant, I found myself face to face



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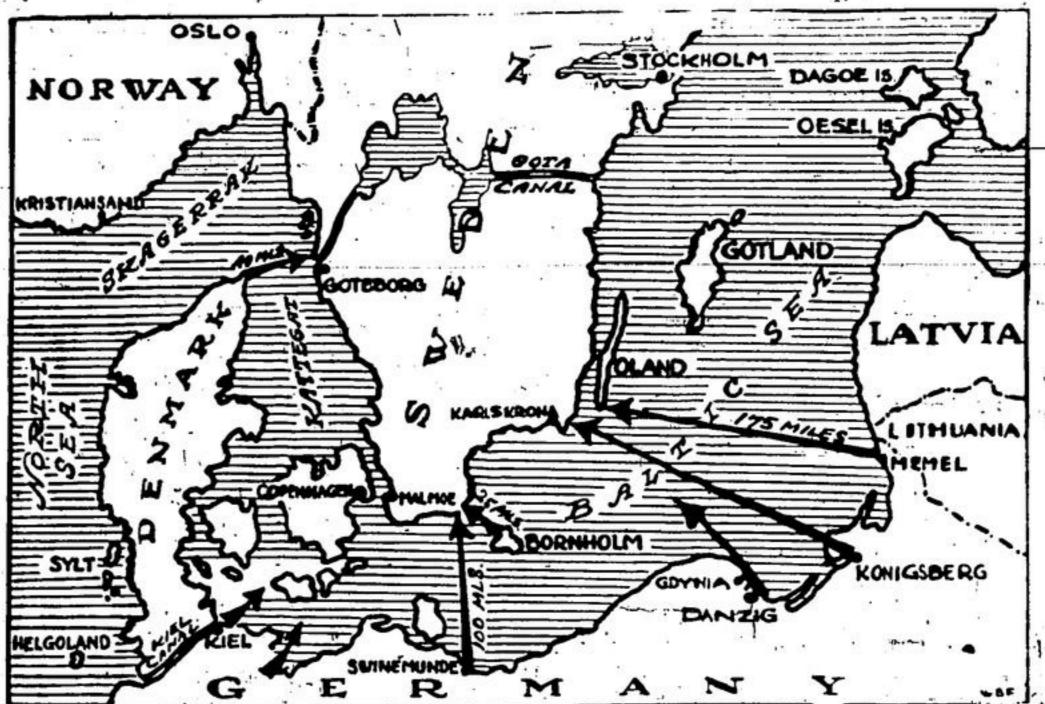
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Possible Routes for Nazi Invasion of Sweden



Following reports that Germany is preparing troops and ships at ports opposite Sweden, the Swedish Govern-

Sweden In the event that Germany hunches an atta-k on Sweden, the Above map shows possible routes and buctives of the Nazi armed forces