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TELEPHONES-



The Time Is Short

-- There is still time to share in Opportunity Month Canada asks her citizens who cannot serve on the battlefront to serve on the home front by becoming War Savers. You are not asked to give your money but to lend it at a good rate of interest. . !! an opportunity to share in the war effort. a splendid chance to make your quarters grow into Government bonds and accumulate a substantial saving.

February was the month set aside for pledges It is quite evident the task cannot be completed in that month. Blocked country roads have made impossible for the rural sections to get attention. The house to house survey and explanations necessary for investors have made the job longer than was anticipated.

The work will of necessity have to continue in If you haven't become a War Saver join up now. Surely its worth something to enjoy free. dom from War in Canada. It ought to be worth a dollar a week to enjoy sleeping in a good bed rather than an air-raid shelter. Whatever this freedom is other evening in Toronto we felt that there are worth invest to your ability to retain it.

the top. Do it now

Municipal Affairs

A book which came to our desk some weeks age but which we have just now had an opportunity to peruse is that very interesting "Annual, report, of Municipal Statistics." Each year this volume seems to grow in its coverage of municipal affairs and certainly presents an apportunity for an unlimited num ber of comparative observations.

- Acton comes in Group C of villages. Those with a population of 1,000 to-1,999. The figures given are for the year 1939. Information under 71 head: is given for each municipality. It includes population, assessment figures, acreage, tax levy and collections, sales for arrears, and tax arrears, curre: -position, debenture debt and taxable debt charge: by years.

Most of these figures are of course found in the annual auditors' report in detail but we note that in the year recorded 1.6 per cent of Acton's popula tion was on relief. Tax collection was 917 per cent, of the current taxes and tax collection of total current and arrears was 1035 per cent of the 1939 levy. The current position showed a surplus en-

It is rather interesting to note that our total debt was 58 64 per capita and represented 14T per cert of the assessed value. The average rate on deber tures was 608 which latter tigure is among the highest listed . Fe',

Another interesting division is the taxable deby crarges for the year 1940 to 1941. In Acton the e are \$5,000 for 1940 and will be \$1,202 by 1949 with noticeable deductions in 1944 and 1948.

It is noticeable that debt charges are being river duted in all communities and it appears the pay-athey go policy has been in effect in most centre-For those who enjoy a study, of municipal affairs, this book of 91 pages is a seemingly unending fountain of information.

Other County Munitipalities

Looking at other municipalities in the county is an earlier clean-up. the municipal statistics we find that Oakvillest as the largest population, with 3,860, with Burlington 2.427 and Acton and Milton are identical at 1903, for Warl Savings.

Georgetown has the largest acreage of any munici pality. It has 3.4 persons to the acre; while Burlington has 7.6 and Acton 4.8. Milton had the highest percentage of its population on relief in 1939 at 5.7 with Oakville the lowest at 1,4 and Acton at 1.6 per

Trafalgar is of course the largest township point of population in Halton with 4,303; Nelson second at 3,840. Esquesing third at 3,243 and Nas sagaweya at 1,776. Nelson and Nassagaweya have difference in acreage of only 70 acres and Trafal gar is only 217 acres larger than Esquesing.

The total population of Halton County is given linguing the insidious beginnings of as 27,070, with 13,917 in the towns and villages and 13,162 in the townships. The debenture debt of county is \$340,573 or \$12.58 per capita... In. 19the debt charges are \$82,441 and this will be lowered to \$18.050 by 1949.

Looking at the future from now in relation to public debt in the municipalities gives a rosy-hued picture but who can fell what will have been added of the Canadian dollar, disorganized . Won over by Pan-Islamic propaon before those nine years have clapsed. However you can get figures both pretty and otherwise in a study of the municipal statistics of Ontario when time permits we certainly do enjoy selecting local figures from its multitude of them.

Tortoises and Hares

Speaking of county and municipal statistics were interested to receive on Monday the report from Ottawa of the progress of the different centres in the drive for War Savers throughout Canada. Naturally we turned up our local section to see how Halton was making out.

We found three centres reporting, Georgetown led with 691 pledges. Acton was second with pledges and Oakvile had at the third week of campaign reported 393 pledges. There was a notation "3 centres unreported." Surely matters have become twisted. Here were the centres away back from the front in the sparsley populated areas well up toward finishing their quotas and little report from that section where most Haltonians live.

Perhaps they are holding back on us. Perhaps in the final week they are going to make a return that will set us northerners back and show that the south of Halton has yet the greatest population and is the centre of wealth we have heard about at and Shipping." Warden's dinners'. But it does seem a bit late have only one report in a month that was supposed to have four. We'll bet that final report after next Friday will make us wish we had never made any to the war, 75% of cod liver oil used comparisons. But there's always the tortoises and the hares in any race, and our best move in this district is not to make the same mistake that the hare Quebec was an immediate need. New commander Gafar Pasha, was cape marrial it was stated that two New who made a good start made in another race: Make sure that Acton and district goes well over the top Let's make it 1,000 pledges for Acton and district. we're over half way there now.

Glamor and Prices

Attending a professional wrestling match . lot of things put over the vast bulk of the city popu-Do you share to make Acton and district go oyer lation in the way of entertainment that a close-up presentation such as we witness in our events smaller halls and arenas would debunk. For instance tary and civilian wools. there was one wrestler who gave the impression of-concealing something and rubbing it in the face what was done to secure adequate of his opponent at every opportunity. That was cor trary to all rules. Most of the spectators couldn't tell whether it was a peanut or a chew of gum but the fellows back of us seemed to be sure it was red pepper or cholorform.

We recall seeing one of those very funny acts be. Board's governing policy. fore the grandstand it the Exhibition a number of years ago where the performers chased each other through doors of a house front and hit each other with slats that gave the impression of terrific whacks. It looked fine from the front and you couldn't see the back. In fact it appeared so good that Acton Fair booked the event and that it appear before the grandstand.

The apparatus, was set up. Before the show was Potes face annihilation put on most of the small boys had tried the swinging doors. Half the folks watched from the grand stadter Zeitung reports hye-year stand and another goods crowd viewed it from the prison sentences for two Poles chargrear and sides. It hardly drew a clap and on the second performance in the afternoon tew left the tung tells how the Polish proprietor . judging ring to witness it.

Oh ves we're used to the close-ups out in the rural sections. When our boys played hockey we could twice as great trop of treatment lean over the boards and almost converse with the Polesplayers on the ice. There were no green seats and you knew whether a fight on the ice was real or not Distance does give a glamor that we do not get The Allensteiner Zeitung prints in in our rural performances and apparently its glamor that adds a lot to the shows and perhaps the

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Lenten season started vesterday Easter just six/weeks away.

Keeping the catch basins open these days will Here and there throughout the or Amake for better conditions on the paved streets and

Judging from early reports the North of Halton Polish peasant, by names Indiana. a close second at 3.815. Georgetown comes third at is setting the pace for the South-end in pledging.

Ganada Alert to Wartime Prices

Since the outbreak of war, people n Canada have become "price" and "cost of living" conactous.

"That," comments H. B. McKinnon Chairman of the Wartime Prices-and Trade Board, in a year end review. of the Board's work, "is undoubtedly a good thing because an alert and sensitive public opinion is in itself an important protection against undue increases in first line of detence price inflation." "As a matter-of fact." Mr. Mckinnon-adds, "the cos of living in Canada has risen quite moderately - approximately 7.3 per cent. In the last eighteen months."

"That the Canadian cost of livi us risen so moderately in spite of the sharp depreciation in the vitius shipping, tremendous increases in ganda, and German gold and advised ocean freight rates and war risk in and drilled by German and Turktsh surance costs and substantial increases officers, the Senussites attempted to due very largely to the fact that by invaded late last year by Marsha careful planning and co-operation it Rodolfo Graziani's Italian forces.

Mr. McKinnon proceeds:

has been possible to maintain an adequate and uninterrupted flow of tained in the Western Desert by the supplies on to the Canadian market. British army and these were withtime Prices and Trade Board is the of the Senussi gathered for the atbelief that if ample supplies are kept tack. The tribesmen overran the available, monopolistic tendencies controlled and sporadic instances of local profitooring dealt with, fair and reasonable price levels will be main-

"To forestall shortages whenever and whereever possible has been our major task in 1940: To do so in the face of greatly restricted international trade and rising domestic demand as a result of increasing national income has necessitated long and careful plan ning. This planning involved problems ranging from the estimate of our total requirements of such commodities as sugar and wool to the highly technical problems of timing cargoes and negotiating charters, all of which must be made to fit in with crop seasons abroad and navigation-season at home, and the whole dovetailed into the complex programs of the British Ministries of Food, Supply

The review shows how modestic to secure adequate supply. Mr. Mc Kinnon cites ligh oils and wool. Prior in Canada was imported. Rapid pansion of processing facilities in the Maritime Provinces and eastern operation was encouraged. As com- forces and took part in the Syrian. in 1939, the output of cod liver oil, 1920 he became Minister of Defence mess suitable for medicinal oil or as feeding oil for livestock and poultry will this. year total over 200,000 gallons. In the woollen industry, the co-operation of the Wool Administrator was in Acton, Ontario, of the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada, Limited, a privately financed company, whose, production of "tops" will further safein | guard Canada's supply of both mili-

The review further outlines what was done in government purchasing. distribution, how rarely it was necessary to resort to price fixing, how complaints of profiteering or boarding were investigated, how co-operation with the Food, Supply and Shipping-Controls in the United Kingdom has continued to be a prime factor in the

Poland Under = the Gestapo

The Gestapo rules in Poland with barbaric severity. Starving, driven from their homes, heavy prison sentences on trumped-up charges, the

The German Press announces a new series of executions. Litzman rd with listening to radio brodenst ... from London Mittledeutscher Zeiof a restaurant was fined 50 mark for serving a drink to a Lob

In the Comerania district, sale as-

truit to Loies is tort adden-In Lady Poles may not buy linens, order by Prossian authorities where by Poles are required to have special permits to enter chara! for Sunda s and tadidays clergy condicting mas for the Lan Expended are attract to inform the German, police at Newt

Three days prior to the mass Three thousand Polish prosts are reported to be in concentration

Confiscation of Paley, thenes are lands continues While Poles by nget? Germany apports too t from Po-Yet the spirit of revolt is about esipsed atea. Polish pensants are teginning to resist "Krakavier Ze tand quiblished by the German authorities reports a death sentence passed on a Bank of Chechel, because the iff the resistance to German police, sent to requisition his only cow

WAR 25 Years Ago

Western Desert Campaign. in Food Shortage First Great War Only Skirmish Compared with Present Offensive

", BY H. H. GORDON " Canadian Press Staff Writer,

Activities of British forces in West n Egypte in the First Great Wa re recalled by the great triumol in the second-by Gen. Sir. Arch bald Wavell's Army of the Nile Bu current operations in the Western Desert and Cyrennica dwarf the con union carried on 25 years ago against

theni, they obtain half a pound o hvade Egypt in the same ferritor down 23 per cent. Dairies report 5

55 per cent, decrease in the produc Only small garrisons were maintion of butter. Underlying all the work of the War- drawn late in 1915 when large bodies in western. Norway that the Nazis have resorted to wholesale fining of communities nearest the scene of territory bordering on the Mediterranean Sea and advanced as far east-as-Dabya, only-90-miles-west-of-lined 60,000 crowns because an ur

HODGE-PODGE FORCE

Gen. Sir. John Maxwell, then commanding the British forces in Egypt, set about the formation of a western Frontier Force. Maj.-Gen. A. Wallace was given command and took up headquarters at Mersa Matrub, chi port of western Egypt. His troops consisted of British Yeomanry, and l'erritorials, Australians, New Zeaanders, Indians and Egyptians, squadron of armored cars and squadron of nirplanes.

It was not until February, 1916 that the force was strong enough to attack, so preoccupied were the British with Gallipoli and Salonika

Maj-Gen. W. E. Peyton succeeder Wallace, Feb. 9, 1916, and the Brit ish were strengthened by a force

South African infantry. United States and Canada Sidi Barrani, westernmost point the Italian advance in the present war, was the objective of a British si were decisively beaten

SOME MESS THEY'RE

the provisional Arab government

Grows in Norway

The food situation grows steadil;

worse in Norway. The huge Ger-

man army of occupation testimated

at more than 300,000 mens continues

to requisition ment, eggs and other

foods, and the Norweglan puppet-

ment has become acute, particularly

in Oslo, where butcher shops are

tlesed for the great part of the week

Long lines of weary housewives form

in front of food stores several hours

before they open. . If luck is with

chopped meat or a small piece of

ly decreasing. Brend is made with

so many incredients that it taste

like cardboard. Milk production is

"Accidents" have so often broken

identified assailant threw acld in the

Stavanger had to pay a levy

50.000 crowns for a "power failure"

All seven bishops of the State

Church of Norway have signed

document, addressed to Acting Minis

ter Rugnar Skancke, of the Depart

ment of Church and Education, in

which they indict the present regime

in Oslo, accusing the puppet authori-

AUSSIE ART COMING

Melbourne (CP) The Australian

aid of the Carnegie Corporation, 'it

will collect an exhibition of Australi-

ties of openly encouraging acts

violence and contempt for the law

Government announces that with

face of a German sailor.

Nazis have first pick. Shortage of

The Senussi movement soon

Libyan frontier fell March 14.

lapsed. Sidi Barrani was re-occupi

ed March 3 and Salum, near the

f Mesopotamia

Chelsea (CP) At a Chelsea courtdevelopments were undertaken. Co-tured. He later joined the Brilish O's had used War Office notepaper pared with a 56,000 gallon production, campaign, against the. Turks . In brandy and sherry for a non-existent

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RISKED FOR CONVICT

Las speed of Pr. Pan office & were ven the George Medit and highler officer the British Empire Medal, for rescuing a convict from a collapsed and gas polluted cell at great risk to Hemselves.



Fight Against Time:



the feverish tempo of Canada's industrial war effort has become a tight against time with little lessure for such incidents as meals A machinist is there shown in a Canadian gon plant munching away at his lunch with one hand on the controls of his whirring machine,