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EDITORIAL

The Time Is Short

There is still time to share in Opportunity Month. Canada asks her citizens who cannot serve on the battlefield to serve on the home front by becoming War Savers.

February was the month set aside for pledges. It is quite evident the task cannot be completed in that month.

The work will of necessity have to continue in March. If you haven't become a War Saver join up now.

Municipal Affairs

A book which came to our desk some weeks ago but which we have just now had an opportunity to peruse is that very interesting "Annual Report of Municipal Statistics."

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.

Most of these figures are of course found in the annual auditors' report in detail but we note that in the year recorded 16 per cent of Acton's population was on relief.

It is rather interesting to note that our total debt was \$8.64 per capita and represented 137 per cent of the assessed value.

Another interesting division is the taxable debt charges for the year 1940 to 1941. In Acton these are \$5,099 for 1940 and will be \$1,202 by 1949.

It is noticeable that debt charges are being reduced in all communities and it appears the pay-as-they-go policy has been in effect in most centres.

Other County Municipalities

Looking at other municipalities in the county in the municipal statistics we find that Oakville has the largest population with 3,860.

Georgetown has the largest acreage of any municipality. It has 3.4 persons to the acre while Burlington has 7.6 and Acton 4.8.

Trafalgar is of course the largest township in point of population in Halton with 4,303; Nelson second at 3,840.

The total population of Halton County is given as 27,079, with 13,017 in the towns and villages and 13,162 in the townships.

Looking at the future from now in relation to public debt in the municipalities gives a rosy-hued picture but who can tell what will have been added on before those nine years have elapsed.

Tortoises and Hares

Speaking of county and municipal statistics we 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.

We found three centres reporting, Georgetown led with 891 pledges. Acton was second with 617 pledges and Oakville had at the third week of the campaign reported 393 pledges.

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 Warden's dinners.

Attending a professional wrestling match the other evening in Toronto we felt that there are a lot of things put over the vast bulk of the city population in the way of entertainment that a close-up presentation such as we witness in our events in smaller halls and arenas would debunk.

Glamor and Prices

The apparatus was set up. Before the show was put on most of the small boys had tried the swinging doors. Half the folks watched from the grandstand and another goodly crowd viewed it from the rear and sides.

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 Polish face annihilation.

Canada Alert to Wartime Prices

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

Activities of British forces in Western Desert Campaign in First Great War Only Skirmish Compared with Present Offensive

That the Canadian cost of living has risen so moderately in spite of the sharp depreciation in the value of the Canadian dollar, disorganized shipping, tremendous increases in ocean freight rates and war risk insurance costs and substantial increases in taxation on many commodities is due very largely to the fact that by careful planning and co-operation it has been possible to maintain an adequate and uninterrupted flow of supplies on to the Canadian market.

To forestall shortages whenever and wherever 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 planning.

The review shows how modest industry has been fostered in endeavour to secure adequate supply. Mr. McKinnon cites his oils and wool. Prior to the war, 75% of cod liver oil used in Canada was imported.

The review further outlines what was done in government purchasing, what was done to secure adequate distribution, how rarely it was necessary to resort to price fixing, how complaints of profiteering or hoarding 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 Board's governing policy.

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WAR 25 Years Ago

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

BY H. H. GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

Activities of British forces in Western Egypt in the First Great War are recalled by the great triumph won in the second by Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell's Army of the Nile.

Only small garrisons were maintained in the Western Desert by the British army and these were withdrawn late in 1915 when large bodies of the Senussi gathered for the attack.

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 Matruh, chief port of western Egypt.

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

Sidi Barrani, westernmost point of the Italian advance in the present war, was the objective of a British attack on Feb. 26. A battle was fought at Agagia in which the Senussi were decisively beaten.

In the provisional Arab government of Mesopotamia. The Senussi movement, soon collapsed. Sidi Barrani was re-occupied March 3 and Salim, near the Libyan frontier fell March 14.

Food Shortage Grows in Norway

The food situation grows steadily worse in Norway. The huge German army of occupation (estimated at more than 300,000 men) continues to requisition meat, eggs and other foods and the Norwegian puppets.

"Accidents" have so often broken the power lines to German airports in western Norway that the Nazis have resorted to wholesale firing of communities nearest the scene of sabotage.

The city of Trondheim was recently fined 60,000 crowns because an unidentified assailant threw acid in the face of a German sailor.

All seven bishops of the State Church of Norway have signed a document, addressed to Acting Minister Ingemar Skramme, of the Department of Church and Education, in which they indict the present regime in Oslo, accusing the puppet authorities of openly encouraging acts of violence and contempt for the law.

Stavanger had to pay a levy of 50,000 crowns for a "power failure" in the town.

Aussie Art Coming. Melbourne (CP). The Australian Government announces that with the aid of the Carnegie Corporation, it will collect an exhibition of Australian art to be shown throughout the United States and Canada.

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Fight Against Time



The feverish tempo of Canada's industrial war effort has become a fight against time with little leisure for such incidents as meals.

Business Directory

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Going East: Daily, except Sunday 8:04 a.m., Daily, except Sunday 9:49 a.m., Saturday only 1:25 p.m., Daily, except Sunday 6:28 p.m., Sunday only 8:19 p.m., Flyer, at Georgetown 9:11 p.m., Flyer, at Acton 9:15 p.m.

Going West: Daily, 8:45 a.m., Saturday only 1:29 p.m., Flyer, at Acton 6:16 p.m., Daily, except Sunday 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday only 11:43 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES

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EASTBOUND - To Toronto: Daily, 8:04 a.m., 11:41 a.m., 2:04 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 11:43 p.m.

WESTBOUND - To London: Daily, 8:45 a.m., 12:11 p.m., 2:34 p.m., 5:14 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 11:43 p.m.

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V.S. BUILDS TOWN

Expected 110,000 V.S. (Veterans' Settlement) soldiers will be coming to next summer's leave period and 75,000 at two United States War Relocation Camps in 1942.

RISKED FOR CONVICT

Lay laid off by two other men, given the George Model and lighter after the British Empire Medal for rescuing a convict from a collapsed and gas polluted cell at great risk to himself.