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EDITORIAL

The War Services Appeal

The War Services organizations embraced in one corporation, operating without profit under authority of the Dominion government, will launch a united nationwide appeal for \$5,000,000.

Canada's governor-general, the Earl of Athlone, hit the nail squarely on the head when, in urging Canadians to support the war services, he said: "We cannot emphasize too greatly the importance of providing pleasant recreation, healthy relaxation and comforts for our sailors, soldiers and airmen."

Ever since war was declared, the Canadian Legion, I.O.O.F., Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. have been doing services, with funds supplied by popular subscription.

The war service organizations are answering needs which the government has asked them to meet. The government provides rations and military equipment, but it has required that entertainment and comforts be organized and supplied by those who did it so well in the last war.

Fortunate Acton

Acton is indeed fortunate in having some very busy citizens who have the welfare of this community so much at heart that they are willing to assume tasks as they confront them.

Three men who have served the municipality well in other offices have agreed to assume the task. They are ex-Reeve Amos Mason, ex-Councillor E. Jones and former School Trustee Chairman, J. M. McDonald.

Each to His Task

With Acton and district nearing the 1100 mark in War Savings Pledges the campaign for the present gives way to the drive for War Charities. It is the privilege of the editor to serve as Chairman of War Savings Committee.

to King and Country that could be told on this home-front drive that tell of real sacrifices. But like many a story of the battle front will never be told. It has been our privilege to serve with many groups of community workers in our home town.

After all if each individual in each community in the British Empire does to the best of his or her ability the task that immediately confronts them, there will be no doubt about ultimate victory.

It All Depends

It is rather interesting to note that hockey in Fergus is competing with lacrosse in bringing in paid admissions. We used to be given to understand that hockey was a game just wasn't in it with lacrosse.

Perhaps we in Acton ought to apologize for denying Fergus the right to full appreciation of the game they are now enjoying. Because it did seem that Acton Tanners and Fergus Thistles were bound to be grouped together and as long as they were Fergus came out second best.

We recall going to games in the fine Fergus aren't when there weren't a handful of spectators. We remember distinctly one night when they had a time finding one Fergus fan to keep time for the home town.

Now the News-Record reports gates of \$470 and 1,510 paid admissions to a game. How times do change. Box lacrosse may be on the way out in Fergus too as a premier attraction.

Flat Feet

Being diagnosed ourselves as having flat feet we were rather interested to read the following comment in an exchange, on the subject the other day. Here it is and we'll leave our argument until the conclusion.

"The greatest single cause why men are rejected for army service, is said to be because of flat feet. The man with broken foot arches is poorly equipped to be a soldier. Also those weak feet are going to give him trouble when he tries to climb the hills of duty life."

"Why do people have flat feet?" Probably the tendency to ride short distances instead of walking fails to develop the foot muscles. Probably many people spoil their feet by wearing tight and poorly fitting shoes. And so on. A horse is said to be only as strong as its foundation. The feet are the foundation on which the human body rests.

Those reasons for flat feet are wild guesses. We were raised and developed flat feet in an age before the automobile came into general use. A man who wears a 10-shoe could hardly be accused of at any time wearing tight shoes.

But speaking about feet and shoes we were interested to learn in talking to a local merchant that he had requests for sizes 13, 14 and 15 in men's shoes. Recently, so perhaps a size ten may be the result of stunted growth of the feet. If it is there is likely to less army rejections in this war than in the past for this reason with shoe sizes mounting as at present.

Who the heck wants to march down a dusty road in this age any way. There are faster and better means of getting there and flat feet do not hinder one from stepping on the gas. The Provincial highway between here and Milton is about the only piece of dusty road available in summer any way and it would be just about as easy to walk it, flat-foot and all, as to ride it."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Cigarettes released for consumption in Canada, during January totalled 623,000,000.

St. Patrick's day almost defied the wearing of the green but loyal Irishmen defied the blizzard too.

Farm tractors sold in Canada during 1940 numbered 20,908, an increase of 51 per cent over the sales made in 1939.

To-morrow is supposed to be the first day of Spring and we hope it isn't as disappointing as some of the other days this month.

Just when one does think the supply of fuel might see the winter through, along come a spell of weather that knocks out all calculations.

It is reported that no thirteenth power bills will be issued until after the war. Just how this will further the war effort of Canada is not explained. Perhaps the surplus is to be invested in War Savings Certificates for the power users.

Acton and district citizens have done well in budgeting for war savings. Now they are asked to give their help in providing comfort for the soldiers. It is the only national drive to be held in 1941 so if you can't give now you can arrange for full payment later on.

WAR 25 Years Ago

Portugal, Friend of Britain For 500 Years, Fought On In the First Great War

By H. H. GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

Loyal to his 500-year-old alliance with Great Britain, Portugal participated in military operations in the First Great War on the side of the Allies from the opening of hostilities in 1914, but it was not until May 9, 1916 that Germany formally declared war on the Iberian republic.

The definite break followed the action of the Portuguese in agreeing to a British demand for requisitioning German ships interned in the River Tagus and elsewhere in Portuguese territory. Germany's declaration of war resulted in Austria taking similar action a week later.

Previous to 1916, Portugal, acting in close co-operation with Britain, furnished munitions and a division of artillery for the Allied cause on the Western Front. She sent 40,000 men to the defence of her colonies in Africa and maintained close association with British forces operating on the Dark Continent until the end of the war.

On Western Front Following the break with the Central Powers the government decided to send an expeditionary force to France. In a little more than a year some 40,000 men under the command of Gen. Fernando Termagnum were on the Western Front and half that number in reserve in Portugal.

The Portuguese soldiers suffered severely at the River Lys. In 1918, many being taken prisoners when they were forced to fall back before a crushing German attack. Later the contingent participated in the victorious entry into Lille.

Portugal's participation in the war cost \$140,000,000 and out of a total mobilization of 200,000 men 8367 lost their lives. But the country was repaid at the peace conference and her colonies were assured to her.

Petain's Gallant Stand at Verdun and General Allied Strategy Thwarted German Plans

German optimism over the progress of the First Great War was given a rude shock in the Spring of 1916 when the general staff's plans for the crushing of the Allied centre on the Western Front at Verdun went glimmering as a result of the French army's courageous defence.

Allied strategy was brought into play when the attack at Verdun was at its height 25 years ago. The British extended their Flanders front. Russian troops were hurled at the Austro-Germans on the long Eastern front extending from the Baltic Sea to Galicia. This had the effect of diverting forces of the Central Powers from the West.

During the spring and summer no fewer than 16 German divisions were withdrawn from the Western Front and another 10 sent from the Balkans to meet the Alessandria thrust. The Austrians diverted seven from Italy and even the Turks rushed two divisions.

Changed The Trend

When Gen. Henri Philippe Petain stopped the drive on Verdun, the French ended the run of reverses on many fronts. Germany had in her grasp the resources of the great industrial areas of Belgium and France and was accelerating output at the highest pressure.

In other areas the Teutonic Allies had been highly successful and the German dream of a compact "Mitteleuropa" appeared likely to materialize. Although the entry of Italy into the war had divided the thousands of Austrian troops to the Austro-Italian border, Germany was not handicapped to any great extent.

The failure of the Anglo expedition at the Dardanelles and the temporary check inflicted on the Allies in the Balkans gave Germany domination of southeastern Europe and the railway to Constantinople. The Turks retained control of the Baghdad Railway.

The other side of the ledger, British strength on the high seas kept the German Navy hemmed in its own ports. Germany had lost her African colonies and all her possessions in the Pacific, including the great naval base at Tsingtau.

MEMNONITES HELP

Mennonite churches in Western Canada have generously contributed to help war refugees in England. In 1940, they sent clothing to England to a value of \$100,000 with money contributions totalling \$50,000. In the past year, Mennonites have sent clothing to England to the value of \$1,700. Donations for the Red Cross total \$10,000. Two Red Cross drives among the Mennonite western churches yielded \$8,000. Mennonite communities are now being canvassed for non-interest bearing bonds.



Wartime Calls For Good Crops Of Maple Sugar

Harvest of Canada's Winter Product Has Started and Expects Look for Good Yield for 1941

OTTAWA, (CP)—The sap is running these days in the maple trees, and agriculture department officials say a good harvest from Canada's sugar forests is in prospect. Maple sugar and syrup, this year have additional importance for the Canadian economy. Sales to the United States bring in needed exchange, and it was recalled that in 1940 exports valued at \$887,000 in 1940, by far the greater amount went south of the border.

"This year the prospects are that Canada will have a good crop of maple sugar," says a department official. "There has been plenty of snow and cold and starting in Western Ontario the tapping of trees will move eastward with, we hope, the blessing of good weather conditions that will let the sap flow freely."

Among additional eager customers for Canadian maple products this year will be members of the overseas forces because those who have known the taste of maple syrup and sugar never forget those in touch with marketing arrangements said Maple products have followed eastern Canadians wherever they have gone.

To Sweeten Tobacco Smokers in the United States remain valuable friends of the farmer who has maple trees to be tapped. Cigarette manufacturers have steadfast faith in the flavoring qualities of the maple product when used with their tobacco, and they take a substantial part of exports. Of 300,000 producing trees on eastern Canadian farms only about 25,000,000 are tapped in a normal year. About 80 per cent of Canadian production comes from Quebec.

The Dominion Agriculture Department has a particular pride in the high quality of maple products and adulteration is strictly forbidden. Maple syrup must weigh not less than 13 pounds, two ounces per gallon and contain not more than 2 per cent water.

Urge "Folks Back Home" To Back Boys



Government House, Ottawa, March 1941

Dear Senator Meles, Princess Alice and I are glad to become patrons of the Canadian War Services Fund, for we realize the invaluable assistance the member organizations have given to our Armed Forces at home and abroad. We have been privileged to see these War Services at work in Canada and Great Britain, and we are greatly impressed with the excellent work they are doing. We cannot emphasize too greatly the importance of providing pleasant recreation, healthy relaxation and comforts for our sailors, soldiers and airmen, and we are sure that nothing contributes so much to their physical and spiritual well-being. These services signify to them the affection and thoughtfulness of "the folks back home".

The Salvation Army, the Y.W.C.A., the Y.W.O.A., the Canadian Legion, the Knights of Columbus and the I.O.O.F., have united in the Canadian War Services Fund Campaign, and we commend their aim and purpose to all Canadians. Yours sincerely, Allison

The Earl of Athlone, Canada's Governor-General, stated he and the Princess Alice were glad to become patrons of the Canadian War Services Fund because they had seen its organizations at work in Canada and Great Britain. They recognized the invaluable and these services gave the fighting men of Canada, he said. "Nothing contributes so much to their physical and spiritual well-being." His Excellency pointed out in the letter reproduced ABOVE, "These services signify to them the affection and thoughtfulness of 'the folks back home'."

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NO MORE IDLE RICH

LONDON, (CP)—Unemployment must go and never come back. British cannot afford an idle rich class after the war, declared Clement Attlee, Labour party leader and war cabinet minister, in an address here.

FUTURE AIR-LINERS

LONDON, (CP)—Medium-sized airliners with 500-mile range and stops at Cairo, Bombay, Singapore, Birmm, Sydney, Suva, Honolulu, Vancouver, Quebec and a British airport will in future encircle the globe, said Sir Alan Cobham, pioneer aviator.