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EDITORIAL

Each To His Post

Put up beside the $600,000,000 Dominion objective Acton's allottment of $85,000 may seem far from it. Perhaps you may say how can my small contribution make much help on Acton's objective. It's the help of many—each according to his or her ability—that does the job.

Acton has in every other effort nobly played its part. That success was attained through the enthusiastic support of every one in the town and district allotted doing their own individual part. Added together the task was accomplished. Each task seems to be finished only to open in a larger one. None can say that with the present job carried to a successful conclusion that it will be the last one to do before victory.

Only by facing up wholeheartedly to the immediate job confronting us can final victory be won. There is no use minimizing the task that is confronting us. But a free people can freely put everything into the fight for freedom.

Just now we are called on to lend our money to furnish the tools. Each can lend according to his or her ability. Nothing more is asked, but let us share in the task cheerfully, confident that right will win—joyful in winning that we shared as best we could.

More Local Facts To Be Faced

Surely there is something wrong with our methods of attaining equal distribution of the county tax load when as one county councillor intimated an equalization would cost the county $40,000. It seems to be agreed that an equalization occasionally might be advisable to meet changing conditions. But that amount of $40,000 could certainly be put to a better purpose right now than in litigation.

Just why it should cost $40,000 has never been quite clear to us and if that is the figure we think it would be the part of wisdom of County Council to put the costs of the last equalization on the operating table and dissect the organism that eats so vitally into public funds.

If our system of settling an argument of this nature is in such a condition it's time to discard it for a better way of handling your affairs. If the rules of the game are so complicated that decisions cost $40,000 to secure it's a punk game. We would like to see where this figure was used in the last equalization and broken down in the various costs—yes, itemized. Sure we have a war on. But are we fighting Germany to maintain this sort of costly settlement of public affairs?

Each to his own task and the job can be done. Who gets the $40,000 that the county equalization will cost? Can the Department of Municipal Affairs not devise a less costly method? How about a resolution from the County Council.

Now Britain Makes The Moves

We just cannot explain why. Perhaps if we attempted our reasoning will not stand criticism. But we do feel encouraged by two events of the war of recent days. First was the successful invasion of Iraq and the overthrow of the pro-German government. Later there is the initiative taken by the British in Syria.

Neither one of these maybe important military actions. Perhaps later events will prove that they were not correct. The part that cheers us is that almost for the first time since this war started Britain finds herself in the position to take the initiative. Up to the present it seems that always it was necessary to wait until Germany had made the move and become established in the country they had set to conquer before help could be given. Unpreparedness seemed to be the reason for the waiting that was disastrous.

Now it seems a turn has come. Britain is stronger and can take some offensive action. Perhaps we are cheered without foundation, but we are cheered none the less.

We Can If We Will

Every community needs a band and in these days of parades and various functions the need is more than ever apparent. Acton can have a band capable of providing suitable marches and programs for a community of this size. All that is necessary is for those now resident here and actually engaged in band work and those who have retired from active participation to unite forces and the job will be accomplished. Unlike most starting enterprises we don't believe it would require a great deal of financial assistance to get started.

That band that can be developed at this time will never win a competition. Its repertoire will be limited. It's playing will be far from perfect. But it can supply a decided need. Those who comprise that band can get real satisfaction out of carrying on until the boys return from overseas and again assume the task.

Sure it will take some extra effort. Without a doubt it will mean some sacrifice. It will not likely bring any financial returns and it may even cost something in the way of incidental expenses. But surely it can be done. These are days when all assume double loads. Will Acton have a band again? Does the spirit of John Hill still live in Acton? These are not questions for individual answer but for collective reply by all who can help.

Off Again On Again

Those who were startled some time ago by an announcement that gave the impression that the Canadian National Railways was in the clear financially can be startled right back again by the fact that loans from the Dominion of $29.4 millions are provided in estimates tabled in the House of Commons. It is expected the system will avoid an operating deficit in the current year.

Of this, $19.7 millions is for capital expenditures, $344,000 for acquisition of securities and $9.4 millions for retirement of maturities. Last year loan requirements were estimated at $50 millions, of which $14.9 millions went for the hire-purchase agreement with the Dominion, $17 millions actual 1940 deficit, and $7.5 millions for loans.

Total operating revenues in the current year are estimated at $290 millions compared with $247.5 millions last year. Net revenue for 1941 is estimated at $63 millions against $45 millions is 1940. Interest due the public on long-term debt is placed at $44.8 millions, compared with $48.7 millions in 1940.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Dominion Day is the next public holiday in which all of us can participate.

Production of pig iron in Canada in April, 1941, amounted to 103,326 tons compared with 84,210 tons in April, 1940.

The gross value of commodities produced on Canadian farms in 1940 is estimated at $1,235,714,000 as compared with $1,224,616,000 in 1939.

Production of motor vehicles in Canada during March totalled 26,044 units compared with 16,612 units in the corresponding month of last year.

Petty thieving still continues by the night prowlers. One trouble seems that even after the culprits have been locked up they are difficult to hold.

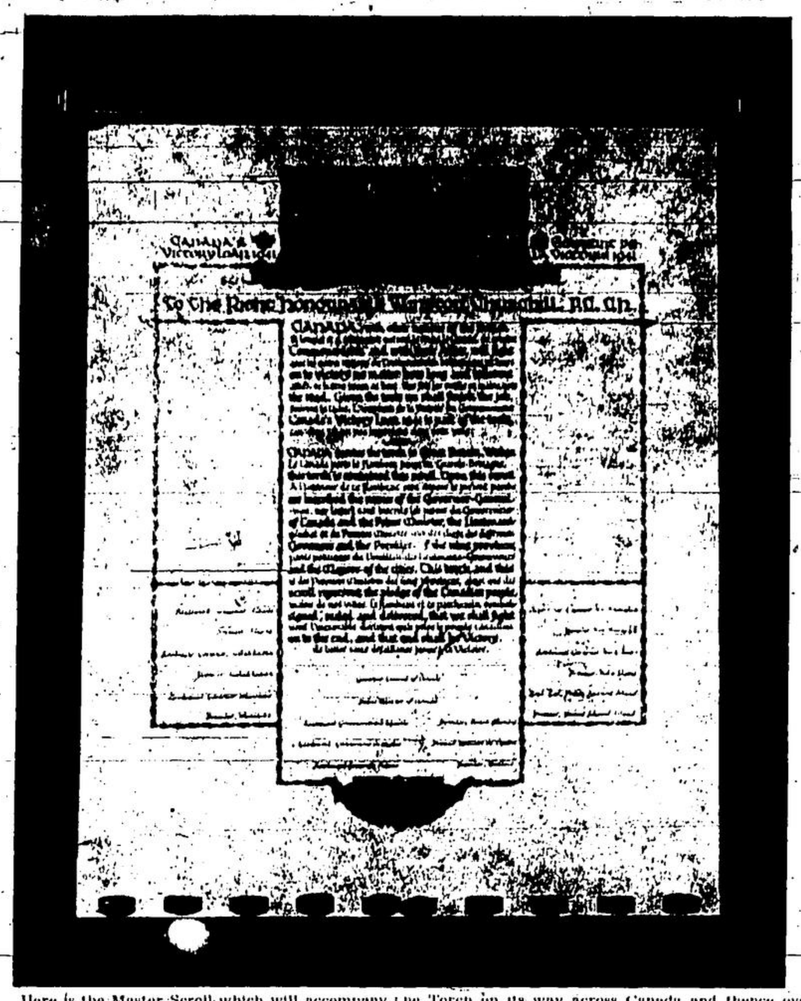
Premier Hepburn's proposal of a conference at Ottawa should also carry the guarantee that he will stay for the duration of the conference and not leave the party before it really gets underway.

Seems to be another epidemic of petty thieving in the entire district. Queer how every so often some fellows take a notion they can get ahead by this means. Until the law catches up such individuals are certainly a nuisance to the general public.

"To Nazi tyrants and gangsters it must seem strange that Canada, free from all compulsion or pressure, and so many thousands of miles away, should hasten forward into the field of battle against the evil forces of the world." — Prime Minister Churchill in Victory Loan broadcast.

Somewhere in England . . . thousands of Canadians in our fighting forces steeling themselves for their greatest effort. Somewhere in England, plain ordinary men and women facing the great ordeal with thumbs up! How small is our contribution beside all this! We are only asked to lend our fighting dollars to Canada. Do it with a will. Help finish the job! Buy Victory Bonds!

MASTER SCROLL FOR VICTORY LOAN TORCH



Here is the Master Scroll which will accompany the Torch on its way across Canada and thence over the Atlantic for presentation to Prime Minister Winston Churchill as a symbol of Canada's loyal determination to fight on until victory has been won. Besides containing a message to the British leader, the Scroll will also contain the signatures of Federal, Provincial and Municipal officials. The Scroll will be contained in a specially-constructed cylinder which has been built into the shaft of the Torch. Addressed to the Right Honorable Winston Churchill and written in both English and French, the text of the scroll reads:

"Canada, with other nations of the British Commonwealth and their Allies, will fight on to victory no matter how long and toilsome the road. Given the tools we shall finish the job. Canada's Victory Loan, 1941, is part of the tools.

"Canada carries the Torch to Great Britain. Within this Torch is contained this Scroll. Upon this Scroll are inscribed the names of the Governor-General of Canada and the Prime Minister, the Lieutenant-Governors and the Premiers of the nine provinces and the Mayors of the cities. This Scroll and this Torch represents the pledge of the Canadian People, signed, sealed and delivered, that we shall fight on to the end and that the end shall be victory."

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
AT ACTON
STANDARD TIME

Going East

Daily except Sunday	6.04 a.m.
Daily except Sunday	9.29 a.m.
Daily except Sunday	6.28 p.m.
Sunday only	7.19 p.m.
Flyer at Georgetown	9.41 p.m.
Flyer at Guelph	9.15 p.m.

Going West

Daily except Sunday	8.15 a.m.
Saturday only	1.20 p.m.
Flyer at Guelph	6.46 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	7.00 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES
COACHES LEAVE ACTON
Standard Time

EASTBOUND — To Toronto
a7.55 a.m., 9.04 a.m., 11.31 a.m., c2.06 p.m., 3.31 p.m., 6.31 p.m., 8.56 p.m.

WESTBOUND — To London
9.53 a.m., x12.23 p.m., Y2.23 p.m., fy4.23 p.m., 6.18 p.m., bs6.50 p.m., dx10.33 p.m., ex11.23 p.m.

a—except Sun., b—Sun. & Hol., c—Sat. only, d—except Sat., Sun. & Hol.; e—Sat., Sun. & Hol., f—except Sun. & Hol., x—to Kitchener, y—to Stratford

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