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EDITORIAL

Guns, Tanks, Boats, Bombers

The days from October 20th to November 20th are a time in which every municipality is asked to check and bring up to a quota established what regular share that municipality will assume in providing equipment for the armed forces. It takes money every month—regular income—to provide the money every month—regular income—to provide the guns, tanks, planes, etc. You are asked to lend your money at fair interest to keep this equipment going month after month to the boys overseas.

Acton is asked to supply \$3600 in regular savings every month. That amount will buy one naval gun—\$5,000 will buy a universal carrier, \$25,000 will buy an anti-aircraft gun and so on up to \$600,000 for a corvette. Every municipality will have an objective and every objective is of equal importance. For instance what is the sense of having corvettes with bells and library but without guns. Acton is asked for a gun. Not one month but every month until Hitler's forces are annihilated.

There are no half way measures in this war. Winning one battle doesn't mean ultimate victory. Buying one gun and forgetting it the next month will never finish the job.

Acton has always measured up to the call. Every citizen has taken his or her place in a whole hearted effort. And so you are asked to get into harness and with your savings buy more War Savings Certificates. They'll come in mighty handy when the war is over and victory won and you'll never miss the small amount put away regularly. When everybody helps the task won't be heavy. Let's put Acton over the top again. We can't quit until victory is won. Do your best in your part of the job when the canvasser calls on you.

News

There's a saying that "When a dog bites a man it's not news but when a man bites a dog it's NEWS." For years we've attended Council meetings and heard auditors issue instructions, give recommendations and generally convey the impression that really Councils had a lot to learn about municipal affairs in general and municipal finances in particular. A lot of folks apparently don't consider it to their interest to stay too long in council to learn all the things that auditor's recommendations infer should be carried out.

It was therefore news last council meeting when the auditors met up with veterans of municipal affairs and the council told the auditors what should be done and how auditors should conduct themselves in relation to Municipal Councils. When the expenditure involved was equal to well over a third of a mill on the tax rate it is fortunate that Acton had men experienced in municipal affairs to meet with the situation.

We reserve further comment for the present but we may refer again to the subject from another viewpoint at some later time.

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When Freedom is Abused—Freedom Goes Announcement over the week-end foretells of government control that will affect everyone. Just how inclusive and far-reaching the proposed measures of control will be is not definite at the time or writing this article. Generally they are welcomed and hoped to be a means of effective curb on wartime spending and inflation.

Certainly the measures are new and untried and under them the adjustment period will be difficult. One finds little criticism of drastic control mea-

asures provided they assure equality of sacrifice or service. For instance, cause for dissatisfaction is readily discerned when the wages of the working man are to be "frozen" and the intimation is given out that the remuneration of those in executive position does not come under the ruling.

Everyone is prepared to accept measures that mean privation and inconvenience to win the struggle and maintain freedom. The new laws will make sacrifices necessary. The sacrifices should be distributed equally and we feel that inequalities will be adjusted as rapidly as they appear. The thing to do is each to seek to become adjusted to the changed conditions and not seek to find ways and means of evading the restrictions. The plan is experimental: If co-operation cannot be secured to ensure its success, compulsion should be applied to those who fail to live not only to the letter but in the spirit of measures that are deemed essential. Freedom is lost to many by those who take advantage of its wild privileges.

Get Your License This Month

Departmental and country general stores, large hotels and soda bars, manufacturers and auctioneers, every person and firm in Canada manufacturing or dealing in food, feeds, livestock, poultry, yarn, cloth, clothing or footwear must secure a licence from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board by December 1 of this year.

After that time, no unlicensed person or firm may buy for re-sale, handle, or sell any of those commodities.

More than 200,000 businesses are affected by this vast plan to set up the machinery necessary for policing prices and for securing speedy reports on available supplies in the event of wartime shortages. In the Acton area, it is expected, that over 100 persons and firms will soon be displaying on the door or window of their place of business the attractive gold and blue certificate which shows the public that they have obtained their wartime licence.

There is no licence fee. Licence application forms are distributed through the mail this month and any businessman who is subject to the licensing order and does not receive an application form should apply for one at his post office. At the post offices copies of the complete licensing order are also now available. To facilitate further the introduction of the licensing plan, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board is appointing nine regional licensing directors, one for each province. Individuals or firms who, after consulting the text of the licensing order, are still not certain on all points, should communicate directly with their Regional Licensing Director.

Licence application forms are easy to complete. At the top are spaces for the filling in of the name, address and official position of the applicant. Beneath these particulars is a list of classes of business and commodities named in the licensing order. All the applicant need do is place a check mark beside his type of business and the kind or kinds of commodities he buys for resale, handles or sells.

The first licence identification card will be light blue in color and will expire on March 31, 1942. It will carry the licence number allotted to the applicant in the upper right hand corner. At the left is a space for the signature of the holder. This licence identification card will be mailed to each licensee along with his window certificate.

Each licensee will receive a number which he will retain from year to year, provided the name of his firm is not changed or his licence cancelled by the Board. After December 1, when any of the commodities named in the Licensing Order are bought for resale, both the seller's and the buyer's licence numbers must be marked on the sales slip, invoice, or other document which records the sale.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is said Indian Summer does not come until after a real touch of winter. And so we may have more splendid fall weather yet.

Thanks!—The road maintainer did help a lot in making Acton's streets more passable! But one trip is scarcely sufficient until freeze-up time.

Canada's production of pig iron in the first eight months of 1941 amounted to 833,351 tons as compared with 734,436 tons in the corresponding period of 1940.

"There is not an industrial dispute worth mentioning in Britain. Yet, not only are the great trade unions intact, but they are stronger than ever."—Ernest Bevin, British Minister of Labor.

"In this war, we have no illusions about the strength of the enemy or the length of the war. We have freely made our choice and we propose to abide by the issue with all free men until the end."—L. W. Brockington.

An advertisement in another column gives details regarding the licenses required by practically all merchants or shop owners. There are few indeed who are conducting business who are not affected by this order.



during the black-out test, air... un-official manoeuvre, air...!!

WAR 25 Years Ago

French in Surprise Attack Recaptured Fort Donnoumont and Fort Aux, Strong Points Near Verdun

BY H. H. GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

In the space of a few days 25 years ago French troops recaptured positions around Verdun that Germany had fought for throughout the spring and summer of 1916 and sacrificed hundreds of thousands of lives.

Earlier in the year when the German Crown Prince hurled his army at the big French fortress on the River Meuse, Gen. Henri Petain's heroic defence saved the city itself, but the enemy remained in possession of forts which formed part of its outer defences.

Relief came when the Allies started their Somme offensive in July, the Germans being forced to withdraw several divisions from the area. Then it was that Gen. Charles Mangin was entrusted with the task of putting an end to the threat to the big fortress. Throughout the early autumn the French laid careful plans and on Oct. 24, 1916 after intense artillery preparation the attack was launched. In misty weather the French soldiers leaped over the parapets of their trenches for the drive over a front of more than four miles.

Captured Two Forts Colonial troops from Morocco quickly overwhelmed the Germans occupying Fort Donnoumont on the left of the advance after taking the village of the same name which had been evacuated. Other forces on the right found more difficult obstacles and it was not until Nov. 3 that Fort Vaux, another strong point in the enemy line, was overcome.

Recapture of these forts gave the French control of the entire advanced line of defences covering Verdun east of the Meuse. Donnoumont, one of the strongest fortified positions in the Verdun defence system had been captured by the Germans on Feb. 25. It was recovered May 22, but two days later the enemy re-occupied it after a violent struggle.

Mangin's recapture of the two forts consecrated the victory of Verdun in the eyes of the whole world. Gen. Von Hindenburg, reporting to the Kaiser at the time admitted that his generals had been outmanoeuvred. "In suspending our attacks on Verdun (following the opening of the Allies' Somme offensive) we counted on our adversaries themselves adopting, in this region, a purely defensive attitude; our hope was not realized," the German general said.

Red Herrings Profit Catch

YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Don't go wasting a good herring, red or otherwise, by drawing it across trails in this part of the country because herring now are as good as cash in the bank here, thanks to a topsy-turvy wartime world. Once there was a time when a herring could be dragged over anything without anyone kicking, but now fishermen snare the one-time ugly ducklings of the industry by the boatload from the gargantuan schools that populate the coast of this province. They are brought to plants near here where they are smoked and cured and packed. One firm alone expects to export 20,000 boxes of processed herring this season.

Canadian Year Book for 1941

The publication of the 1941 edition of the Canada Year Book, published by authorization of the Hon. James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, is announced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The Canada Year Book is the official statistical annual of the country and contains a thoroughly up-to-date account of the natural resources of the Dominion and their development, the history of the country, its institutions, its demography, the different branches of production, trade, transportation, finance, education, etc.—in brief, a comprehensive study within the limits of a single volume of the social and economic condition of the Dominion. This new edition has been thoroughly revised throughout and includes in all its chapters the latest information available up to the date of going to press.

In 1941 Canada Year Book extends to over 1,000 pages, dealing with all phases of the national life and more especially with those susceptible of statistical measurement. A statistical summary of the progress of Canada is included in the introductory matter. This gives a picture in figures of the remarkable progress that the country has made since the first census of the Dominion was taken in 1871, seventy years ago.

Special Articles The special articles that are shown in this edition of the Year Book have been selected to illustrate the effects of the War on the Canadian economy and to show such changes and developments as have taken place to date. There are eight such special articles as follows:

The National Registration 1940, at pages 70-71; Some Effects of the War on Canadian Agriculture, at pages 138-144; The Effects of Government War-Time Expenditures on the Construction Industry, at pages 366-369; Pre-War Civil Aviation and the Defence Program, at pages 608-612; The War-Time Functions of a Central Bank, pages 802-804; War-Time Control under the Foreign Exchange Control Board, pages 833-835; Recent Advances in the Field of Education in Canada, pages 875-883; and a special war chronology that appears as Appendix I to the volume.

The reorganization of the Labor and Wages Chapter, begun last year, has been carried a stage further. New matter on Unemployment Insurance lays the foundation for what is destined to be a very important part of this Chapter as time goes on. The Unemployment Insurance Act became effective on July 1st, 1941, and, therefore, statistics regarding its administration will not appear before 1942 at the earliest, but the Amendment of the B.N.A. Act under which the Dominion was given exclusive jurisdiction in this field and the principal conditions, rates, contributions, etc., that have been decided on are summarized at pages 675-677.

Chapter XXI on Public Finance is introduced by comparative statistics of finance of all governments—Dominion, provincial and municipal—of Canada. These statistics are the results of special studies that have been made of this subject by research organizations set up for the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations and for the Dominion-Provincial Conference. It is expected that this series will be continued and strengthened in later editions. In addition, the treatment of Income Tax is considerably extended; this tax is of increasing importance in wartime and there is a greater public demand for particulars regarding its application. Another feature in the present edition is the introduction of tables showing the application of gasoline tax and of succession duties from the date of their inception. Since the Dominion Government has now

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What Britons In Fight For Nazis Cannot Filch Beauty of the Present and Glory of the Past London (CP)—Thus writes Patience Strong, in the Mirror, of wartime England: Water-meadows rich and green where herds of cattle graze. An old stone bridge round which there clings a dream of by-gone days. Streams where pollard willows stoop and graceful swans glide by. Pools that hold the lights and shadows of the changing sky.

Across the fields the Minster towers rise up as if to crown the quiet old streets and houses of the little market town. This is what we're fighting for! For this we shall hold fast. The beauty that is England—and the glory of the past.

entered these fields the tables provide a background for the latest study of these sources of revenue on a national basis. Persons requiring the Year Book may obtain it from the King's Printer Ottawa, as long as the supply lasts, at the price of \$1.50 per copy; this covers merely the cost of paper, printing and binding. By special concession, a limited number of paperback copies have been set aside for ministers of religion, bona fide students and school teachers, who may obtain such copies at the nominal price of 50 cents each, but application for these special copies should be directed to the Dominion Statistician, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

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LET'S GROW MUSHROOMS SINGAPORE (CP)—Wartime conditions, preventing mushrooms imports from France, have opened the British Malayan market for canned mushrooms to the Canadian producer and Canner.