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## EDITORIAL

### Who's Dog

This study of public opinion has many phases which to say the least are peculiar. We have the Gallup poll which though some means is supposed to give a quick insight into what opinions are held by folks. Then we have other newspapers who get opinions of other newspaper editors and feel that the pulse of public opinion has been felt and the trouble very ably diagnosed. Then we have another group who prescribed the cure and ask everyone to take the cure-all in liberal doses, and even provide the utensils for taking.

Then we have another group, who feel that the way to get public opinion is let every individual of voting age express his own opinion. Going over the patient in this manner takes longer and of course costs more. And so the group who have made the quick check-up, and those who supplied the ready made cure-all, are opposed to this more thorough check-up of public opinion.

There was a once popular song that comes to mind. It was entitled "You've Got to Quit Kickin' My Dog 'round."

### Voluntary Service

Every day we get a better conception of what that saying means "This time we're all in the front line." And every day we get a better conception of who are the front line and who push the other fellow in front of them. Everybody can play a part in the war and no matter how small that part it is important.

When sugar rations were announced there were folks who bought all they could regardless of whether someone else went without. When gasoline rationing comes on there will be those who will attempt to get into a category to which they are not entitled and squeeze out those who should be in that classification. These rationing plans are an important part of the war. To evade them is just as low down a trick as stabbing the front-line men in the back.

This month those on the home front will be asked to play another part in the battle. If you can't help you aren't expected to but be sure you can't help before refusing. Canada needs \$600,000,000 to finance the war. Canada is willing to allow fair interest for the use of the money and all the security of Canada guarantees re-payment of the loan. But Canada needs the money now to finance the war.

It's another voluntary effort. Another chance to help in the cause of freedom. The second Victory Loan opens on February 16th. Lend for Victory and save funds to enjoy that victory in the land you love best. It's another opportunity for home-front service.

### Sympathizing With the Enemy?

The strike of the miners at Kirkland Lake is apparently now becoming an influence on other groups of miners in Canada. Through the Northern News the home paper of the strike area we have followed this labor trouble with interest. Mr. Tressider the editor has all through the struggle given wise counsel to the miners, both before striking and during the strike and has presented news and views fearlessly. There are some phases that do not appear in the dispatches that The Northern News does present and in its editorial columns last week The News said:

"The situation in Kirkland Lake is queer. Over the radio one hears prattling about democracy for

the workers, whatever that may mean, and on the streets one sees gangsterism in violent forms. The men at work in the mines today are almost entirely British born, while the majority of those not working are aliens—many of them enemy aliens. The latter should have been removed from the scene long ago. The actions of all aliens prominent in the strike, should be thoroughly scrutinized, and deportation where justified, should be carried out if it is possible to deport Germans and Italians. It is noteworthy that every day more men brave the risk of being blown up or beaten up, or of their families being hurt, and return to work. It is obvious now that the strike never had the sympathy of good-minded Canadians. Many fine fellows were just simply stamped into it by C.I.O. thuggery. Only violence and intimidation keeps the C.I.O. alive at Kirkland Lake."

We wonder if those who would lay down their tools in sympathy with the striking miners in Kirkland Lake are aware of these facts which the home paper tells about. If you want to help be sure its friends that you help, not enemies.

### Picking Our Classification

There's a little incident that ever since it happened several years ago, we've been going to write. It occurred in Acton and since all those in it have passed on we can tell the story. Perhaps you can recall a few years ago when the price of daily papers was advanced. Well, one of the so-called "tight-wads" wouldn't pay the new high price so he arranged with another subscriber of a daily paper in town to read his copy and incidentally paid a portion of the subscription price.

One morning as we waited in the Post Office we overhead another citizen say "Look there goes Old —, the old tight-wad, to read a borrowed paper." We were just a little surprised when we heard where that remark came from because the fellow who made it sent his copy of THE FREE PRESS away every week to a member of his family to save a subscription on the home paper. But you know Old — never did that with the home paper.

He always had his own copy of THE FREE PRESS and kept his subscription paid in advance. When we wrote his obituary we had a kindly feeling for Old —. (We wrote the other fellow's obituary too).

Both have gone on and we hope when we go on that we'll be put in the bunch with "Old —" and the tight-wads, who, when they must borrow, at least are loyal to the home-town and the home-town paper.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Yes, and another home-front job is to keep up your War Saving pledge.

When you think you and your business are about the most badly abused, listen to the other fellow's story for awhile and you'll perhaps find you are in a preferred class.

There is a sign by which you may judge an enemy's growing fear—the growing recklessness of his lies.—General Sir Archibald Wavell.

To have a hundred pounds of sugar you should have a family of at least 67. We're told that Dionne was out of the race in Acton and elsewhere when the sugar rationing was announced. And those families sprung up like mushrooms—over night.

I don't think we'll have much use for a new church building unless the U. S. wins the war. So I suggest that the church organ and building fund (\$1,085.85) be used to purchase defense bonds.—Rev. C. B. Atkinson, First Baptist Church, Sullivan, Ind.

There's the story told of a well-known Liberal of the district who, when queried as to whether he was a King-Liber or a Hepburn-Liber replied, "I'm a Victory Liberal and if you were that kind of a Conservative we would all be getting on with Canada's job faster." Perhaps a bit blunt but certainly to the point.

You cannot ration a tank, if you want to win the war. Nor can you ration a battleship, a machine gun, a piece of artillery or a soldier's rifle. A silly statement? Not at all! Every citizen who buys fewer Victory Bonds than his resources permit is actually rationing his share of the amount of ammunition which tanks, guns and planes may hurl at Germans, Italians and Japs.

Members of the Lewis family seem to have done quite as well as officers of the C.I.O. John L. gets \$25,000 as head of the United Mine Workers and his brother, A. D., \$10,000 as president of the United Construction Workers. Kathryn Lewis, a daughter, draws \$7,500 and J. R. Bell, brother-in-law, another \$6,000. That adds up to \$49,500 which, with expenses, proves that it pays to obtain control of labor movements, comments The Brockville Recorder and Times.

## THE ACTON FREE PRESS

### The Week at OTTAWA

**Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by**  
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Ottawa, (CP)—Announcement this week of the return to Canada of soldier-scientist Lt.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton heightened Canadians' interest in the army and its 55-year-old corps commander.

Gen. McNaughton, a defence headquarters statement said, is completely recovered from the low-grade infection of the lungs which he suffered last November. He will remain in the Dominion for a short time to discuss matters related to the administration of Canadian forces in the United Kingdom.

Meanwhile, a farm delegation representing 185,000 western agriculturists returned home after laying before the government a new "partition of rights" for western agriculture including requests for an initial wheat price of not less than \$1 a bushel compared with the present 70 cents. Prime Minister Mackenzie King said their submissions would receive careful consideration.

Even before they reached Ottawa their cause was supported in the House of Commons by J. G. Diefenbaker ("Con-Take-Care") who said they were coming to protest against conditions of "economic slavery."

On Monday the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, just finished a three-day annual meeting here, presented its recommendations to the government for ameliorating the lot of the agriculturist during the years of war and the rehabilitation period to follow.

Any day now Trade Minister MacKinnon who has jurisdiction over the Canadian Wheat Board is expected to announce the price to be paid for the 1942 wheat crop. The understanding here is it is going to somewhat higher than 70 cents.

#### Talk in Billions

This increase will be one of the results of the government's proposal to supply Britain with \$1,000,000,000 worth of munitions, materials and foodstuffs as part of the Dominion's war effort. In the past the prices paid to farmers growing export commodities has been determined to some extent by lead by the amount Britain could afford to pay. Now, a government spokesman said last week, the tendency will be to pay a price based instead on what Canadian farmers need to maintain peak production.

And the indication is that for many farm products there is likely to be a stiffening of prices to the benefit of the producer.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, like the Canadian Dairy Farmers' Confederation which met a few days earlier, urged protection of the supply of skilled farm workers against demands of the armed services.

The Federation expressed anxiety, too, over a Canadian debt estimated at \$2,000,000,000 and decided a committee should confer with Finance Minister Isley to emphasize the necessity of maintaining the Federal Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act and to suggest amendments for alleviating the farmers' debt condition.

#### Debate in House

In the House this week, debate is continuing on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, particularly on the administration's proposed manpower plebiscite. Last week Conservatives generally were opposed to the measure and called for immediate imposition of conscription and the Liberals with several notable exceptions in favor.

First Liberal to oppose the plebiscite policy was Ross Gray, M.P. for Lambton west. He said the government should move immediately to eliminate from the National Resources Mobilization Act the restrictions against compelling service outside Canada. Edward Lacroix, Liberal M.P. for Quebec's Beauce constituency, attacked the plebiscite from another angle, saying Canada was already participating fully in that way and should not have conscription.

Ligouri LaCombe, Independent Liberal M.P. for Laval-Two Mountains, said he would vote against the plebiscite proposal, and when the opportunity came would move an amendment to the address in reply calling on the government to stand by its anti-conscription pledges. He announced formation of a new "Canadian Party" which by its 20-point manifesto made public later, will be against conscription "at all times and everywhere."

#### Senate Adjourned

The Senate adjourned to Feb. 24 after adopting the address in reply to the speech from the throne. An amendment to the address proposed by Senator C. C. Ballantyne (Quebec), acting Conservative Senate leader, was defeated. It regretted the reference in the throne speech to the manpower plebiscite as a "stand con-

trary to the spirit of our parliamentary institutions and to the principles of ministerial responsibility."

Meanwhile Canadians were given details of the gasoline rationing system which goes into effect April 1, the first formal coupon rationing system of the war.

As outlined by Munitions Minister Howe and Col. Contriller G. E. Cotterill, the system provides that the motor vehicle owner must buy a \$1 gasoline licence, with which he will receive a book of gasoline ration coupons.

Amount of gasoline which may be purchased under the system ranges from 300 to 380 gallons a year for non-essential cars to almost unrestricted supply of all types of commercial vehicles.

As outlined by Munitions Minister

### The LETTER BOX

New Liskeard, Ontario.

#### New Free Press:

Considerable time has elapsed since my last letter to the paper, written while in Matachewan at the tower, on fire ranging duty. The extremely wet summer and fall in this country, finished that job earlier than usual and all spare men were laid off including myself. Had I good health and strength, I was given the opportunity to continue on with the Department as a scaler for the winter, but my physical strength was not good enough to undertake the strain one is often called on to take. Going away back 12 or 15 miles to snow shoes to a camp, then ploughing through the snow to some dozens of skylows of logs for day or two, then a heavy tramp out again is a job for a really strong man, so I had to pass that up.

I was at home for a few weeks helping as I was able, getting the garden stuff up, flower beds, etc. And we're more fortunate in that respect than a good many who lost all. We saved all ours and have a plentiful supply and variety, which is keeping well. It was such a wet fall some hundreds of acres of both grain and grass seed was never harvested and it continued to rain so that ground was never plowed, which will have a bad effect on spring work. We lost some hay with wet but the hays drew it off the ground into a pile to rot rather than leave it in coils to kill out growth. They persevered with the plowing too and we got quite a nice lot done. But just whether it will be used or not is still uncertain. The war is changing everyone's plans.

In spite of the effort we all make to get along and try and make ends meet it seemed that we with the hundreds and thousands of farmers all over Canada were playing a losing game. The demand for men in war industry became so great and the income so much above that of a farmer that dissatisfaction and grumbling became the result and finally one boy pulled out. He is with the power company. Just an apprentice of course, but learning and earning a much better living than was possible at home. This has made the other boy who continued on at home, dissatisfied too. So chances are ours, like a good many other farms will go unworked unless times or conditions change quickly.

It's a question of help to do the work. Then remuneration for the labor expended which hasn't been possible for a number of years now. True the need is great, but who will continue to work at a loss and primitive regardless of the need. Not young men. Neither have been accepted for the army, but both will use their strength and talents in some unnecessary step or running.

The town is in a flourishing condition these days, due principally to war conditions. One concern whose head office and main factory is located here, have more than doubled their factory space during this last year and it is said about 400 men are at work day and night besides a lot of girls and women at day work. They have tremendous orders ahead for war work. Dozens from all around the country have left their farms and become factory workers.

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After it froze up and I was shut in a lot I became uneasy, wondering if there wasn't something I could do to relieve a more physically fit man. Finally I found this caretaking job for the New Liskeard United Church, which accomplished just what I had hoped, relieving a man for war work, at a better salary of course. But I simply can't undertake a man's job and this is called either an old man or a boy's job. So I have it and doing my best to be worth while, and serve in some capacity.

The remuneration is small, but sufficient for my living and I'm provided with a comfortable room right in the building so am quite comfortable. Being fond of company I'm not just content living alone so much, but here is not just like my summer job was, being in town I'm able to get out a lot and have access to the library and mall facilities are convenient. I'm also able to get home at least once a week for a few hours and had two days at both Christmas and New Years. So things might be far worse. The United is the largest church in town. A solid brick building about 60 x 75 feet with a full size basement. About 12 feet across each end is partitioned, one end for one of the most modern kitchens I have ever seen in a church and fully equipped with dishes of every kind, cutlery, cooking equipment, trays, etc., a six-hole cook stove with oven and separate hot water jet, double sink and full length aluminum covered table. Built-in cupboards and chests for linen, towels and cutlery. Plenty of shelving for cakes, pastry and salads, convenient to the openings and tables for service. And the whole arrangement has wall openings which excludes all but kitchen help. The opposite end is divided into furnace room and partitioned living and sunroom. The balance of space, about 50 x 60 is Sunday school and general auditorium, having a nice stationary platform with piano, rolling movie screen on which the hymns are projected each Sunday, dispensing the resources to help.

Yours Faithfully,  
R. W. JOHNSON

#### NO DETERIORATION

SOUTH SHIELDS, Eng. (CP)

Percentage of British children who passed the school certificate examination was 76.9 in 1941 compared with 74.1 in 1939, which Parliamentary Secretary Ede said indicated school work had not deteriorated during the war.

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