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EDITORIAL

We Must Go On

Now comes the call for more war service and the opportunity to invest in freedom and Canada. $600,000,000 is needed to maintain our war effort. It costs $7,100 every day to maintain 1,000 soldiers overseas. It takes $300,000 to fully equip an infantry battalion including the present motorized equipment. It takes from $175,000 to $300,000 for a heavy bomber and $575,000 for a corvette. That's just a glimpse of costs of units of this present war. That's just part of what that six hundred million is needed for.

It's a big job. Last loan Acton and district was asked $105,000 as its share. This time Acton's quota is $135,000. It means that every available penny will have to be dug out and put into Victory Loan. It means that some things will have to be sacrificed and put into savings. It means that everyone will have to put up a big effort to meet the need.

But remember you are not asked to give. Canada needs morg to help win but Canadians, unlike Germans, have the privilege of lending and being paid good interest during the borrowing period and assurance that the full amount will be repaid at the maturity date.

Canada's second Victory Loan opens next Monday. The canvassers will call on everyone possible. If you can lend do your utmost. You will be glad now. In the years ahead you will be glad of war investment.

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On To The Future

The voice of the electors has been heard in the by-elections in the Dominion. In every instance the representative of the government has been upheld. In South York the answer to Mr. Meighen and those who sought to place him in parliament was given quite decisively. That answer was not given by any partisan vote, but by an electorate that didn't approve of Mr. Meighen as a leader. Those who in 1940 cast Conservative votes expressed their disapproval as well as those ordinarily opposed to his policies.

It was more than that. It was a demonstration of resentment of the type of election campaign carried on by Messrs. Hepburn, Drew, & Co. A lot of folk who say little but think a lot are thoroughly disgusted with the harping criticism of this gang whose record shows no accomplishment in itself. It is fair warning that a continuance of such tactics will make it probable that Ontario, after another provincial contest will be headed by an administration that bears neither the Liberal or Conservative label.

Those elections are a further indication that the majority of Canadians have faith in the conduct of the war and of Canada's affairs in the present government headed by Hon. Mackenzie King. None will deny that mistakes have been and are being made. Not even the most rabid partisan will claim that much improvement cannot be made. The majority however seem convinced that none so far brought forward is better fitted to lead Canada at this time than the present Prime Minister, Hon. Mackenzie King. The elections are a challenge to the government to right the wrongs and continue to give honest leadership.

Those elections should indicate to the Conservative party that not in its past will it find the confidence of the electorate to justify its being entrusted with power. It must look for its glory of the future in a new generation unhampered by the shackles that have held it down in the confidence of the electors.

The by-election caused one thing that is regrettable at this time—disunity. At no time since the last general election has so much strife and discontent been stirred up. Good constructive criticism is essential and we hope the day will never come when it is stifled, but irresponsible harping without the offering of a remedy for an evil or any co-operation in the effort gets no place. The elections are over. Now lets get on with the great job of each to his task, no matter how trivial, in maintaining our free way of life.

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More Sacrifices Wouldn't Hurt

Most folks are willing to go short on sugar, ride on thin automobile tires and curtail the use of gasoline for pleasure driving. But what really makes one see red is to see the vehicles of the brewers and distillers going about the highways equipped with twice as many tires, containing and using many times as much rubber, and using gasoline in quantities that make the driver of a pleasure vehicle appear as a half pint consumer in comparison. And all this consumption of needed articles to what purpose?

Just the distribution of a beverage that is ruining the young manhood and womanhood of the country and providing revenue for provincial treasuries, at the expense of investing for the war effort. What difference does it make what is cut off from Ontario revenues, Mr. Hepburn will be able to report a surplus any way?

Let's have some more sacrifice for the war effort in a place where sacrifice would be beneficial for every home and every citizen of the Dominion. The manufacture of pleasure automobiles has been practically stopped. Why couldn't the manufacture of intoxicating liquor be stopped for the duration?

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Winter Takes Hold

While this district and that further north and west of here usually has more than its share of snow and is quite accustomed to having its snow drifts headlined and its marooned parties discussed, the storm of last week-end was quite a shock to the more southerly part of Ontario.

We happened to be in Toronto that week end and while not exactly caught in the storm, found it best to stay there rather than attempt to plough through the banks that seemed to encircle that area. The further north-west one came after the storm the better the travelling became on Monday. One expects the reverse and is not usually disappointed. There is one thought that always strikes us, that with all the snow clearing and various man-made devices we have for coping with the Canadian winter, it is remarkable how quickly winter can put on a show that these contrivances cannot clear away in three and four times the period of the storm. And how helpless one feels in any attempt made to combat the elements.

But traffic does get going in spite of the severity of our Canadian winters and there is always the thought that we who many times complain, might give tribute more freely to those who labor through the storm and the stinging cold to keep traffic lines clear. In spite of winter's severity there was splendid work done over the week-end on Ontario's highways and even in the town, township and county roads.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

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Saturday is Valentine Day and may all yours and ours too be of the kindly variety.

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Victory Loan or War Savings, put every cent you can save into Canada and the right to keep it free.

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If it's any consolation Mr. Meighen may recall that on February 9th, he wasn't the only thing that was snowed under.

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It takes more than self-adoption of a slogan to make any newspaper worthy of the name "Canada's National Newspaper".

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We didn't get new skis for Christmas and therefore our delight in the heavy fall of snow that February brought was not as great as that of some of the younger folk.

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While the war has brought many inconveniences it can be also credited with other conveniences. For example the most recent one by which Canada has uniformity in time.

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Mr. Hepburn will perhaps soon realize that folks do not pay much attention to what he says. His support in the by-elections was certainly of no value to the candidates he favored.

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Canada's production of crude petroleum and natural gasoline in the eleven months ended November, 1941, totalled 9,226,961 barrels compared with 7,979,500 barrels in the corresponding period of 1940.

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While it is not possible to publish the names with addresses of the men from Acton and district who are serving in the army, navy and airforce we would be very glad to have all names handed in as the boys enlist so that a record could be maintained.

The Week at OTTAWA

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by

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OTTAWA, (CP) Plans for revitalizing the reserve army, strengthening relations between Canada and Russia and a post-war land settlement scheme are among the latest features of the government's "war and after" program to be made public.

These moves in three major fields were announced as the House of Commons neared its third full week of debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

By restricting enlistment generally to those not eligible for active service the reserve in future thus will leave the big majority of eligible men available for enlistment anywhere in the world or compulsory drafting for military training and subsequent active defence duties at home.

The same day this announcement was made Pensions Minister Mackenzie told the House two important rehabilitation measures are proposed this session. Without going into details, Mr. Mackenzie described the first of these proposals, the land settlement scheme as "one of the most constructive and far-reaching proposals ever submitted to the parliament of Canada." He did not state the nature of the second measure.

Agreement With Soviet

A third important piece of news last week was the signing in London of an agreement between Canada and Russia for exchange of consular representatives, emphasizing anew the Dominion's role as an allied arsenal of war.

The new agreement is expected to speed up the flow of war supplies from Canada to that important war front. Some indication of the extent to which the Soviet already is receiving Canadian aid was disclosed by Munitions Minister Howe when he said in Montreal that Valentine infantry tanks are going to Russia at the rate of three a day.

The quality of Canadian tanks was endorsed by an important visitor to the Dominion, Lt. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, Canadian Corps commander who is in Canada for a short visit.

Completely recovered from the illness he suffered last November, Gen. McNaughton told a press conference here that Canadian engineers have "stepped over the heads of everybody else" in developing tanks.

By-Election Politics

Meanwhile, strong political undercurrents apparently were unleashed by campaigning in four constituencies which this week elected new members to the green chamber: Montreal-St. Mary, Welland, York South and Quebec East.

By-elections Feb. 9 resulted in the return of Hon. Humphrey Mitchell in Welland, Hon. Louis Laurent in Quebec East and Dr. Gaspard Fauteux in Montreal-St. Mary. These left three Liberal seats unchanged. In York South, a former Conservative seat, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen was defeated by J. W. Noseworthy, C.C.F.

A caucus of Liberals holding Ontario seats in the House expressed "disapproval" of the actions of Premier Hepburn of Ontario, including his campaigning in the Welland by-election against Labor Minister Mitchell. The caucus passed a resolution expressing belief that Mr. Hepburn "no longer represents liberalism in the province of Ontario."

In the Commons divergence of opinion on the administration's proposed manpower plebiscite continued to be expressed, with majority of Liberal speakers in favor and Conservative speakers opposed. Members of other opposition groups held varying views.

In the agricultural field, prairie farmers looked to the government for announcement of the 1942 initial wheat price. They hoped for the $1 a bushel basis No. 1 Northern at Fort William, requested in a submission made to the federal government, but there were indications the administration will reduce some other forms of prairie farm assistance if an increase over last year's 70 cents a bushel is to be provided.

"Shot" Your Trees For Better Buds

Specialist Recommends Hypodermic to Help Growth of Woods

DALLAS, Tex., (CP) Maybe your favorite tree needs a shot in one of its buds.

A little yeast or some ground up plant tissue makes a good hypodermic for the purpose, J. R. Bennett, University of California, told the Association for the Advancement of Science that the shots in a tree bud cause the buds to open.

Extracts of tops or roots of plants and of bark or wood of trees all made good openers. The vitamins except nicotine acid, the anti pellagra vitamine, failed. Some of the substances which caused plants to grow when rubbed on the outside, worked to stop the bud from opening when injected into the buds.

Dr. Bennett is trying to identify the specific substance which makes tree buds open. He thinks it is some intricate compound.

Urges Purchase Of Seed Grain Now

The Ontario Department of Agriculture strongly urges that farmers requiring seed should locate supplies early before the best seed is picked up and while prices are still reasonable. Agricultural Representatives in each county and district have a list of available seed grain in Ontario as a result of a comprehensive survey made by the Department through the Agricultural representatives.

All seeds are listed under the variety name, by counties, and are listed for sale on the basis of the grade indicated.

With an acute labor problem, and the necessity for providing adequate feed supplies, the production of larger yields on limited acreages by good cultivation and the use of strong, vigorous, plump seed of suitable varieties of a vital importance.

Ontario must produce heavier crops this year to meet increased wartime requirements of food, particularly bacon, cheese, eggs and powdered milk for overseas. This job is one for every Ontario farmer.

The basis for heavier production is good seed. That is why the Department is urging every farmer who has not already arranged for his seed grain to do so immediately.

Consult your agricultural representative or an official of your county crop association for sources of supply.

Yes---It May Be An Early Spring

Judging by Shop-Windows, Anyway—and Easter's April 5

BY DOROTHY ROE

[illegible] what the weather man says, we're going to have an early spring this year.

Whether you like it or not, you're going to be wearing those new straw sailors that the 1942 name of a milliner has laid that all smack on your brain and have suits for ahead of the Easter Parade by the time Easter this year is April 5. And you know who. It simplifies dress. Mr. Wilson once on stop to figure it out.

[illegible] fashion showings are coming along in January instead of March because alert merchants feel that women [illegible] to do out of the [illegible] of a new spring outfit even in the [illegible].

[illegible] that after [illegible] of [illegible] it out. He said [illegible] going to be [illegible] to [illegible] ahead [illegible] imagined [illegible] Hours after [illegible] spring had and [illegible] shop [illegible] right [illegible]

Saving is now proclaimed a *National Need* if Canada is to carry on, full-out in this war. Upon the shoulders of each one of us falls some part of the responsibility for helping to finance the war.

The sooner you use your savings book more than your cheque book — the better for you and for Canada. *Take your income seriously.* Put every dollar you can into a savings account.

To Save is Practical Patriotism

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS AT ACTON

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Going East

Daily except Sunday	6.11 a.m.
Daily except Sunday	9.49 a.m.
Daily except Sunday	6.32 p.m.
Sundays only	4.19 p.m.
Elora at Georgetown	9.15 a.m.
Elora at Georgetown	9.16 p.m.

Going West

Daily except Sunday	2.26 a.m.
Sundays only	2.27 p.m.
Elora at Georgetown	[illegible]
Saturdays and Holidays only	6.19 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	[illegible]
Elora at Georgetown	[illegible]

GRAY COACH LINES

GRAY COACH LINES, ACTON
Eastern Daylight Saving Time

EASTBOUND — To Toronto

[illegible]

WESTBOUND — To London

[illegible]

Sundays and Holidays
Daily Except Sunday

Australia Plans For Coast Ships

SYDNEY, N.S.W., (CP) A cooperative shipping venture believed to be the first in the world has been established in New South Wales to build wooden coastal and trawling vessels. The society's experts seem to have the keels laid for vessels ranging from ten to ten tons gross and plans include developing fishing, whaling and farming industries.