

## Come on Acton and District We Have Work for Canada

**Acton is Leading in County But Still Far from Quota—Nassagaweya Bringing in Good Report in Spite of Winter Handicaps—Let's Finish the Job.**

If a good marching song were necessary for the Second Victory Loan in Acton and district we would say that old one "Steadily, Shoulder to Shoulder" would be the most appropriate. It's just that—shoulder to shoulder of everyone in town and district that is going to put the loan up to its quota here. It's the fifty dollar or hundred dollar bonds and lots of them beside the five thousand dollar bonds that is going to bring this town and district up to its \$135,000 pledged. That's the local share of the \$7,550,000 asked for from Halton County.

Monday Halton Union Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company held their regular monthly meeting in Acton arranged to take \$15,000 in Canada's Second Victory Loan, but of course this amount does not all go in the local district unit. That Sunday the pupils of Acton Public School decided to pledge \$100 of money they had accumulated from several school concerts in a Victory Bond. There you got the idea of what's happening. Some of the purchases are big amounts. Some not so big but all helping toward the objective.

**A Great Start**  
Acton went away to a splendid start. Local workers knew the task was a big one and that no time was to be lost.

In the first two days report Acton led any of the units in the county not only in quota percentage but in amount of sales. The figures were \$62,800 for Acton, \$54,800 for Oakville, \$42,250 for Burlington, \$23,100 for Georgetown, \$10,450 for Milton and \$1,600 for Campbellville. That was just the start but it was a mighty good one.

Then at the close of five days of the canvass Acton was well in the lead in percentage of quota but of course places with larger quotas came into the lead in the amount raised by sales. Here are the results at last week-end:

| Objective     | Raised    | Quota         |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Acton         | \$135,000 | 71,750 53.15  |
| Campbellville | 40,000    | 12,700 31.75  |
| Oakville      | 410,000   | 163,550 39.75 |
| Burlington    | 280,000   | 63,150 22.53  |
| Georgetown    | 185,000   | 39,600 21.41  |
| Milton        | 200,000   | 33,550 16.67  |

Salesmen in Acton have made a splendid start. From the Nassagaweya district too, comes a fine report of progress. Any of you who have been on rural roads these days will know what Gilbert Kingsbury is up against to cover his territory. Much of it has to be travelled on foot. At this time of year there are places cars can't reach. But the talks at this district know his difficulties and reports indicate a splendid response and that Nassagaweya in the final returns will be up to or over the amount previously raised.

**That Last Stretch**  
Reports are splendid of the first part of the campaign but it's the finish that counts. Acton and district has never fallen down in any war undertaking. The War Savings drive had a splendid response. Red Cross, War Services, it doesn't matter what, this section has done all that was asked and more. We know it's a lot of money but Acton district has done it before. We can do it again. We can't let down the sons who serve from the homes of this community. It's our duty to give them the planes, the tanks, the ships, the guns, the ammunition.

**Steadily Shoulder to Shoulder**  
Steadily Blade by Blade.  
Come on Acton, Nassagaweya and Ensmoking Com. on Halton we have work to do.

**LATEST FIGURES FOR ACTON ON THE VICTORY LOAN**  
Latest figures just received from County Victory Loan Headquarters at Oakville this morning give Acton total subscriptions at \$109,900 of the quota of \$135,000. This is 77.7 per cent of the Acton quota. It's within reach. Acton can be the first town in Halton to reach its quota. Let's hurry up and do it!

**ACTON BOYS ENLISTED**  
This Week's Register  
John Presdale has joined the R.A.S.C. stationed in London

## Canada Reaches Half of Quota

Another wire from Ottawa tells of the progress across the Dominion in the Victory Loan. Here is the Telegram report of Canada's Progress.

Ottawa, Ont., 24/42.  
Editor The Free Press, Acton.  
Following wire designed to give you latest available information on progress as late as possible before you go to press. Canada's Second Victory Loan now well past half way mark toward minimum objective of \$600,000,000. Cumulative total announced at mid-week \$301,669,050 including thousands of individual subscriptions as well as company purchases.

Large subscriptions announced to-day include Canadian Pacific Railway Company \$10,000,000.

**DOMINION PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE.**

## Rockwood and Acton School Play Close Hockey Game

On Friday last another game was played between the Rockwood and Acton Continuation Schools. As usual there was a large crowd of students from both schools. The game was cleanly played, two penalties being handed out to F. Fowke of Rockwood and one to J. Stuart of Acton. The referee was Jim Marshall.

The first period ended in a 2-2 score. Both Rockwood goals being scored by F. Fowke and both Acton goals by R. Veldhuis. In the second period K. Hassard, assisted by K. McPhail, broke the tie. W. Masters, assisted by W. Masles, sank another goal for Acton, ending the period in a 4-2 score. In the third period Rockwood tied the game when F. Fowke and W. Dunbar scored two goals while Acton got none.

In over-time, W. Masles and V. Masters got two more goals for Acton while A. Moore got one for Rockwood. The game ended in a 6-5 score for Acton.

The line-up was:  
Rockwood: Goal, F. Batherwick; D. McArthur and W. Dunbar, defence; F. Fowke, centre; A. Moore and W. Stuart, wings; Alternates, A. Mas, E. Duly, I. Hillz.  
Acton: Goal, D. Farver, I. Robinson and C. Bushner, defence; W. Masles, centre; R. Veldhuis and V. Masters, wings; Alternates, J. Bruce, K. Hassard, K. McPhail, J. Stuart, T. Crawford.

**PRIEST ACTON WOMAN TO JOIN WITH THE ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE**  
A woman from Acton to get Active Service uniform and join the branch of the active service. Forces was Miss Daisy Buchanan of Acton. She is now stationed at Newmarket as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

**Alex. Near is Reeve Township of Nassagaweya**  
Edgar Ellington Chosen Council for in Acclamations Accord. Monday  
Nominal nominations in Reeve Township for the vacancy caused by the death of George John Simpson were held at Nassagaweya Township.

Edgar Ellington was chosen for the vacancy in the council in Nassagaweya Township. Mr. Near's resignation caused a vacancy in the council.

For Colonel Robert Inglis, Charles Lasby, D. McDougall and Edgar Ellington were nominated. Mr. Ellington qualified for the position and was accorded an acclamation.

## Boys Overseas Get Cigarettes—Send in Correct Addresses

Gift parcels of 300 cigarettes sent to boys overseas by the War Services League of Acton and vicinity, about Dec. 18th have been received during the last week of January.

Letters of acknowledgment and appreciation have been received in today's mail by the following: Gnr. N. A. Price, Cpl. R. S. O'Hara, Bdr. W. C. Jones, L.-Cpl. Bob McVey, Pte. R. A. Johnson, Tpr. R. E. Biggin, Pte. N. Gibson, Pte. C. W. Douglas, Pte. Geo. F. Inglis, Pte. P. A. Elliott.

All wish to express their thanks to those who have made these gifts possible.

When your boy has gone overseas, kindly see that his full name and address is given to Mrs. H. Mainprize who has charge of the cigarette fund or to any member of the committee.

## Pictures and Talk Bring Seriousness of War Closer

Sgt.-Major Dymond Tells of Scenes in Europe—Splendid Pictures Are Shown  
"Because we were taught it was not the right thing to crush women and children under ton tanks we had to abandon much of our equipment in France, but I saw roads piled four deep with the bodies of women and children crushed by German tanks." So said Sgt.-Major Dymond in his address in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening.

There were a lot of other things in the Sgt.-Major's address as he urged Canadians to buy Victory Bonds, and in recruiting for the armed forces and help in every way possible in Canada's war effort.

This mobile unit of military District No. 2 had some splendid films showing present day war methods and the war destruction. "Ration of Fire" is a German propaganda picture showing the ruthless means that are used to conquer countries and bring them under German domination. "Britain Can Take It" was a picture showing the destruction created in England when the Germans ruthlessly bombed all parts of the island. While buildings were wrecked and thousands were killed and injured still the English looked up and not down amid the destruction. There were other splendid pictures of naval and air actions which gave some conception of the present struggle.

Royal J. M. McDonald was chairman and introduced the members of the unit and Sgt.-Major Dymond. He also stressed the need for a greater consciousness of the war to our own shores and the urgent need for all to purchase Victory Bonds to the limit and help in every way possible with the war effort.

A collection was taken for the Acton and district War Services League which amounted to over \$75.

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## New Transformers Went into Service in Acton Sunday

Over 2,000 Horsepower Now Available to Meet Local Demands—Use Multiplied 8 Times in 20 Years  
Sunday there were several power interruptions in Hydro. In fact only domestic users had any power during the day and most citizens we presume just passed it off as bothersome. But there was quite a story in those power interruptions on Sunday that cannot just be told in the sentence "They were changing transformers."

The first power interruption on Sunday morning occurred when a bank of transformers with a capacity of 1,005 horsepower were cut out of service. These transformers were installed twelve years ago and weighed 10,920 lbs. and contained 380 gallons of oil. But Acton's load last month was over 1,600 horsepower.

To give service to domestic consumers on Sunday the load was switched over to the three old transformers installed at the substation when Hydro came to Acton. These transformers had 300 horsepower capacity, weighed 3,500 lbs. and contained about 125 gallons of oil. In May 1919 Acton's power use was 154 horsepower. But when those three transformers were placed in service on Sunday, an only domestic consumption they had to carry the load and more interruptions than were scheduled were necessary.

There were a score of Hydro workmen at the Acton station on Sunday. The old bank of transformers were removed from the platform and one of the new units in place by noon. Late in the afternoon they were all in position. In the meantime a temporary line of switches and controls had been erected outside the substation. The service was connected up to this temporary switch system and the old transformers disconnected. Half an hour before the time set the new transformers were ready to be put in operation but power was not put on as linemen were busy between Acton and Guelph.

At six o'clock the new transformers began to hum and provision had been completed to deliver up to 2,010 horsepower from the Acton station. Testing was carried on and switch after switch thrown in putting Hydro back into better operating again. The new bank of transformers weigh 12,700 lbs. and contain 400 gallons of oil.

As we looked at the conglomeration of wires and the seeming opportunities for wrong connection one of the men expressed the thought in our mind. "We hope she works." There was a tense moment as power went through the new connection but beyond the snap of a chap striking a match with his finger nails there wasn't a crackle. If those who stood near him were startled they might have been pardoned.

There has been another interruption on another Sunday shortly after the new equipment is installed in the substation and the old transformers there have been removed. Whether the present equipment will meet Acton's needs for twelve years more can't tell. A margin of less than six horsepower is all that is available.

That's what happened when power was interrupted on Sunday. Few of us realize what maintaining this adequate source we use every day means. In twenty years demand for electric power has multiplied by eight.

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A contract for the purchase of a berth and back requires a minimum of \$100.00. From this amount the War Services League \$25.00 to Acton and District War Services League and \$25.00 to the British War Victims Fund.

## Money Raising for War Work Among Institute Items

The February meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. A. Paulson on Wednesday afternoon, February 18. There were 13 ladies present. The roll call was responded to by giving your "First Love's Name." This caused much merriment. After the reading of the correspondence, the meeting was open for business.

Numerous ways for raising money for war work were discussed and the ladies were asked to bring all the old woollens they could collect to the next meeting. Gifts for the babies to be sent overseas were collected. A lovely tea apron was raffled off. Mrs. T. Richardson held the lucky number. A reading was given entitled "The Farmer's Boy" by Mrs. Rhinehart and two humorous readings by Mrs. Wallace, "The Cow" and "The Flu." Mrs. Brownlow conducted "A Tree" contest of which Mrs. Rhinehart was the winner.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which a cup of tea was enjoyed.

## Victory Concert by School Pupils Fine Performance

Three Plays With Singing, Costumes, Etc., Made Delightful Patriotic Presentation  
The Victory Loan concert by the pupils of Acton schools last Thursday and Friday evenings was one of the finest presentations ever given by the school and certainly an appreciated and practical help to the Victory Loan campaign in Acton. The hall was packed to capacity, both nights, and everywhere there was something but praise for the performance.

The whole concert occupied only about an hour and a half. The first play was entitled "Builders of Canada" and was presented by the intermediate grades. Its theme was that of young Canadians finding Sleeping Beauty and telling her of Canada and its wonders. But there was the lesson that Canada had work to do besides telling about its wonders and no time for lingering with Sleeping Beauty and a past age.

The second play was "Blue Boy" presented by grades one, two and three. In their own little way they told the audience that cheerfulness was important; that we had much to be thankful for and little cause for complaint.

Donald Lamb gave a message between the second and third plays in which it was brought out that Canadians have a real job to watch over and protect the children if they are to grow to manhood and womanhood.

On the first evening Mr. A. Mason, Chairman of the Acton and District Victory Loan Committee, addressed the audience and on the second evening Mr. W. J. Beatty, Chairman of the Employees and Employer Committee of the Local Victory Loan was the speaker. Both these men gave brief but impressive addresses, telling of the need of funds and urging the home the events that are now affecting our everyday life under war conditions. They urged that every citizen do his best for his neighbor, his country and his own.

The last play was entitled "Cavalry of Canada" and was a patriotic play written to emphasize national unity. It was presented by the members of the Acton and District Victory Loan Committee and the employees and employer committee of the Local Victory Loan. It was given by the pupils of the Senior grades and pupils of the Continuation School.

## Special Meeting Council Will Make Building By-law

**COME ON HALTON THERE'S A JOB TO DO!**  
The following telegram was just received from Major F. Pullen, Chairman of the Halton County Victory Loan Committee by the Acton Publicity Committee.

Oakville, Ont., 24-12.  
Gen. A. Dills, The Acton Free Press, Acton, Ont.  
To the Citizens of Halton County:  
We are now approaching the half-way mark in the Second Victory Loan. The result so far has been encouraging but it will require the utmost effort and some sacrifice on the part of all of us if we are to succeed in meeting our quota of \$1,550,000 for Halton County. We must not fail. To lend our money is the least we can do in support of those who are offering their lives to protect our liberty and all that makes life worth living.

The tragic events of the past few weeks have proved beyond doubt that unless we assert our utmost effort and are willing to assist in every way within our power we cannot win. We are fighting now with our backs to the wall. The initiative rests with the enemy and will continue to so be until we have an overwhelming superiority in trained men, ships, planes, tanks and guns.

There are only two alternatives in war, victory or defeat. The decision rests largely in your hands. Without the necessary funds to provide the proper equipment defeat and enslavement will be our lot. Our very homes and lives are at stake. Our material possessions are only for us to preserve the spiritual values which have been attained through centuries of struggle and suffering.

In the hope of victory and in the realization that without victory all is lost, I appeal to you to purchase Victory Bonds to the limit of your ability.  
F. PULLEN,  
Chairman, Halton County.

## Local Juveniles Lose to Hamilton Team by 11-1

The Acton Juveniles played their first game on Monday, February 23, against the Hamilton Majors. Both teams played fine chess hockey. The Majors had the edge on the play for the last two periods but Acton got up a stiff fight all through the game. One penalty was handed out to W. Ambrose of Hamilton. The referee was N. Morton.

In the first period, G. Masale scored the first and only goal for Acton. A few minutes later Hamilton retaliated when B. Brown and the Majors first corner, W. Ambrose and J. McDonald scored two goals each. Hamilton's winning goal was scored in the second period and finished in a 7-1 score when Hamilton's J. McDonald, W. Ambrose and B. Brown scored their more times for Hamilton. In the third period W. Ambrose and J. McDonald scored one goal each and Hamilton's second goal was scored by J. McDonald in a 11-1 score for the Hamilton Majors.

**Coming Events**  
The Acton and District War Services League will hold a Tea and Baking Sale with a total of \$100.00. The Tea will be held at the Town Hall, Acton, Saturday, March 14th, 2-6 p.m. under the auspices of the St. Joseph's Church.

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