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EDITORIAL

Carries On Without Praise

There are a lot of splendid organizations in connection with the war effort, but we know of none that comes in for more thoughtful criticism and yet does a more humane work than the Red Cross.

Soldiers who get packages of cigarettes, comforts, and the weekly newspaper and whom we frequently hear from are in good health. They are not in need of hospital or medical attention from the Red Cross.

In this respect the Red Cross carries on under a heavy handicap. But it does carry on its silent work and every call finds it ready and willing to give attention and care to the sick, wounded and those who will never again be able to write home and tell of the comfort given as he gave his all on the battlefield.

Perhaps it is well to remember this and the next time you are tempted to criticize the Red Cross or make a comparison with the service given by some of the many other splendid war services to the boys overseas, consider this silent service that works without praise to bring comfort to those who often cannot speak their appreciation.

Vote for Freedom

To the average citizen the first visible signs of Dominion voting to take place soon is the enumerating of the voters now being made, before voting on the plebiscite. Indications are that the one thing that will defeat the plebiscite is failure of voters to be interested and register the vote.

The question is one on which everyone has a right to vote as he or she sees fit. But those who vote against the question or fail to vote should question this procedure with themselves and what it will mean to Canada, the allied cause and all that is being fought for.

A vote against the plebiscite means that if the need comes for re-inforcements to those who have volunteered Canada won't send any. It means that we elect those charged with the duty of bringing victory but we restrain their powers to meet the situations which may arise in the future.

Indications are that every province except Quebec favors the plebiscite and if all the vote is cast it will be carried. But if the vote in favor is not cast we may have a minority rule. The vote is to be taken a week from Monday. Don't wait to be taken to the poll. Remember there is a war on and gasoline is rationed and voting is one of the small things you can do for yourself in the war effort.

Vote on the plebiscite and make your vote in Canada's best interests and in the interests of the fight for freedom.

Don't Change Unless Informed
In spite of the fact that it is unlawful to increase rents and also with a lower rate of municipal taxation this year than last we hear of rumors of rental increases, and wonder if all parties are aware of present rulings.

Like an application for a special rating for gasoline ration the claim for increased rent must be substantiated by the need for additional return to maintain the property. The law of supply and demand is no longer the ruling factor but now it is the justification of the case.

It might also be pointed out that ignorance of a law is considered a rather poor alibi in any court proceedings. If therefore any changes are made in rental rates it would be advisable for all parties to make inquiry before entering any agreement for increase. Protection is also provided against eviction except for certain accepted reasons.

Maintaining a Record

Hydro in Acton continues to show splendid growth as evidenced by the thirteenth power bill received last week. From a credit of \$900 last year this year's surplus is \$2,651 or almost three times as large.

A large part of the growth and use of Hydro can be attributed to its wide use in the homes and more appliances, but the greater part is of course used in industry. Indications are that this use will continue to rise.

Hydro was installed the thirteenth power bill has shown a surplus. The record of Hydro has been one of steady reduction in rates and all during the years a splendid service has been rendered.

EDITORIAL NOTES

With a scarcity of homes in Acton real estate begins to move. There have been several transfers recently and farm property seems to be moving too.

There were times when April had a March-like lion roar too. One of those times was last Friday when the east wind piled up a fair measure of winter in one day.

The visible supply of Canadian wheat on March 20 aggregated 467,136,389 bushels compared with 471,618,195 on March 13 and 483,557,260 on the corresponding date last year.

The intimation that trips for pleasure on the trains may soon be curtailed along with curbs on motoring are surely hint enough that folks are expected to stay at home these days.

Income and estate taxes, Victory loans and war savings certificates have taken \$2.3 billions from the pockets of Canadians in the past 12 months, according to figures available at the close of the government's fiscal year.

Retail sales of gasoline in Canada during 1941 totalled 980,430,000 gallons compared with 886,248,000 in 1940, according to returns received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from the gasoline tax departments of the Provincial Governments.

For the first time since March, 1940, and the second time since the outbreak of war, employment in industry in Canada was less at Feb. 1 this year than at the beginning of the previous month, according to Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures.

The Fort Erie Times Review is the latest weekly newspaper to make its appearance in a new form. Always splendidly edited and printed The Times Review in its new dress now gives additional interest to readers of the Fort Erie district which it so splendidly serves.

Figures for February show that Acton and district are maintaining their War Savings Pledges and purchasing regularly their pledged amount of \$3,600 each month in certificates. The regular saver now is the one who will be ready to buy more luxuries and better ones after the war.

While the minister of highways recently said a speed limit of forty miles couldn't be enforced in Ontario we would advise motorists not to tempt the Provincial Police by driving at excessive speeds on the highway. Every time you have to stop in a hurry you leave a smear of the rubber of your tire on the road that can't be replaced.

Alaska Governor Wants Offensive Launched There

Smash Japs in Furious Attacks, He Says, Using His Mainland and Islands for Jumping-off Place

WASHINGTON, (CP)—Maybe all the Americans are lucky that Ernest Gruening is governor of Alaska.

President Roosevelt says Japan may try to capture islands and harbors of the vast, thinly populated territory as a possible bridgehead against the western hemisphere—but Gruening is determined to ready them instead for an American attack on Japan.

While in Washington Gruening received assurances that Alaska will get adequate defence if not actual offence, bases and garrisons and a brand new highway from Seattle up through Canada to Fairbanks to supply them.

"Heek," he says, "let's smash hell out of Japan. Offence is the best defence, and what we need is some fast and furious American-style war."

"Alaska is a triple threat to the Japs, on we can strike north, west and south from bomber bases that would be nearer the enemy (due to earth curvature) than Honolulu or Auckland, New Zealand. We are a near and natural spearhead of both to Russia and China."

Gruening is a fighter, and a personal friend of every nation from the Arctic circle to the south pole. He is devoted to Alaska and to her future role of military importance to the Pacific coast.

He is a 1911 Harvard graduate in medicine, but he chose rather than practice in the "celebrated" footsteps of his father to go to but as a newsman on the Boston American. Subsequently he flourished as crusading editor of the Boston Herald, Boston Traveller, New York Tribune and The Nation magazine.

Dr. Gruening raised a rumpus until U. S. marines were withdrawn from Haiti and lambasted this country's pre-Roosevelt policy of military and financial activity in Latin America.

He believes president Roosevelt will score with Washington and Lincoln whenever the world has time to

look back on his record in peace and war. He is proud and concerned for his 72,524 Alaskans, their 586,000 square miles of territory twice as big as Texas, 21 incorporated towns, 155 commercial flying fields, infant army, navy and air bases and Alaska's developing waterways, highways and railways.

Women Clogmakers Remember

Their Skill at the Bench in 1914-1918

Women who, as young girls, made clogs for Britain's factories in the last war are to-day returning to work alongside their sons and daughters at the benches. There they are making heavy protective footwear for munitions factories, steel workers and all kinds of industrial concerns.

More important than ever, now that the loss of Malaya means less rubber for gumboots, Britain's present production of 50,000 clogs a week can be stepped up to 100,000 without adding to existing plant. And the raw materials need no shipping space; much of the leather comes from Britain's cattle herds, the wood from the birchwoods of the Chilterns, and the iron tips and nails from the foundries of the Midlands.

Resisting heat, cold, water, molten metal and glass and injurious chemicals, they are much better than leather-soled boots, which would crack or perish under such conditions. They last longer, and are quite 50 per cent cheaper than rubber.

Queen Anne is dead, but not a clog factory founded during her reign which made footwear for the soldiers of Marlborough and has the same family represented on its board as in 1703. Standing opposite the "blitzed" ruins of Bow Church, London, the men and women working there for clogs a week are such for explosives works, collieries, chemical, gas and electrical works, bottling and canning factories, steel rolling mills, laundries, railway workshops, stables, garages, glassworks, dairies, breweries, distilleries, oil refineries and so on.

LONDON, (CP)—There are few "canary girls," common during the last war, working in Britain's munition factories. Special cream and powder, complete protective clothing and special anti-radiation soup has practically eliminated TNT among munition workers.

World's Biggest Save up Steam in Air Raids

Thousands of tons of fuel have been saved in Britain's war factories by storing steam in accumulators during air raids. Although factories do not shut down merely on getting the "alert," they have to do so when the roof spotters signal that the raiders are overhead.

But instead of the boilers blowing off their steam into the air, when work stops, the steam is generated into accumulators and stored, to be used to start up the plant again when the raiders have passed. More than a thousand of these accumulators have now been installed in iron and steel works, sugar refineries, breweries, dairies, dyeworks and laundries. All act on the same principle—the storage of energy during off-peak periods, and the calling into action of this steam when production requires it.

In one sugar refinery the installation of a steam accumulator raised production by 12 per cent, and lowered coal consumption by about 7 per cent. In a dairy the time taken to produce condensed milk was reduced by 20 to 25 per cent, while in a brewery 16 per cent of the coal was saved. Output in a laundry was increased by 10 per cent after installing an accumulator, and the boiler efficiency of a dye-works was improved from 66 to 74 per cent.

Britain has the largest steam accumulators in the world, their steel shells being 11 ft. 9 ins. in diameter by 82 ft. long and weighing approximately 500 tons.

Girls Look After Aussie Leaf Crop

Tobacco Yield Heavy "Down Under"—and Male Help Very Scarce

MELBOURNE, (CP)—A heavy crop of tobacco in the big timber country of West Australia, and a shortage of male labor, made it necessary to recruit women and girls from the metropolitan areas. The bulk of the picking, and some of the labor in connection with the subsequent curing and packing of the crop has always been done by girls. When the call reached Perth the Women's National Service Organization got the necessary teams together.

LONDON, (CP)—Lieutenant and former Private Const. John de Breda, 30, former British amateur golf champion, one-time "hole-in-one" hand, stockbroker and yeomanry trooper, is reported prisoner in Germany.

R. C. A. F. HEROES DECORATED BY KING



Four courageous Canadians received decorations from the hands of His Majesty the King at an investiture at Buckingham Palace. Pilot Officer Larry Hibbard of Ottawa (left) was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Medal. He has a score of four aircraft destroyed and one "probable." The Distinguished Flying Cross was presented to Eight Sergeant B. C. Paige of Bridgeport, Ont. (2) after he safely navigated a Hudson bomber and its crew to its base. The aircraft flew so low in an attack on enemy shipping that one wing-tip clipped a projecting rock, disabling the starboard engine, rendering all instruments and turret unserviceable and distinguishing the lights. To Wing Commander Thomas C. Weir of Toronto and Winnipeg (3) went the Distinguished Flying Cross for bringing a disabled bomber and its crew to its base despite his own serious wounds. For risking his life to rescue a comrade from the wreckage of a burning plane after a take-off crash, Flying Officer Alexander J. Nicholson of Windsor (right) received the George Medal. Nicholson braved exploding ammunition and was blown 50 feet by the force of a blast, but both men survived.



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GRAY COACH LINES

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HENRY WONT MIND
LONDON, (CP)—The Queen Elizabeth Bedgum, with its famous Henry VIII bedstead and process, Tudor and Queen Anne furniture, were destroyed when fire damaged historic Melford Hall, Suffolk home of Sir William Hyde-Parker.