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Let There Be No Regret

Last week we were away from the office on Friday and Saturday attending a convention in Toronto of the Weekly Newspaper editors of Ontario and Quebec. A considerable part of those two days was spent in viewing at first hand phases of war activity in Canada. We wish we could bring to our readers a clear picture of some of the things we saw in this period.

Saturday afternoon we visited just two Red Cross activities which just at this time when the public is being asked for Red Cross funds we found of more than passing interest. On College Street we saw the arrangements for packing boxes for prisoners of war; nearly all done by voluntary workers; managed by an executive of a large wholesale grocery, who gives his time and experience to the work without pay. We saw stacks of special foods supplied at cost by food manufacturers and the care that was taken to see that food sufficient to maintain the prisoners of war in Germany reached their destination.

Then we visited the Blood Donor Clinic where every day folks from every walk of life give their blood that the wounded may regain life. In this one clinic we were told about the donation of blood that reckoned on a dollar basis would have a value of over half a million dollars since the clinic had been established only a few months ago.

These are only two of the things we saw in one afternoon that the Red Cross was doing; and as we listened and heard questions frankly answered we thought of the little sacrifice in comparison when we are asked for a donation to the Red Cross this week. Acton's share is only three thousand dollars. Acton and district should go over the top in the first week. There is no work in the whole war effort that brings comfort to the sick and wounded, the homeless and war's suffering trail of humanity as the Red Cross does.

Thousands are giving their lives, that freedom may be maintained. Give to the Red Cross and have only one regret that your contribution cannot be larger. Acton and district has never failed. Let it not be said that we failed the wounded and the prisoners of war.

Important But Not Spectacular

On a visit on Friday to one of Canada's largest plants where war weapons are being made, the tasks to which women have adapted themselves is one that can call for nothing but admiration. This plant is one where nearly all the work is with metal drilling, punching, finishing, welding, etc. Much of it in machines that use those oil and compounds used in cutting metal. It isn't the work in many cases for polished fingernails and well-manicured hands.

Yet hundreds of these jobs are being done by women to-day and we understand being done quite efficiently too. Rows and rows of these machines have girl operators. The product of the plant is well up on schedule and meet the strict army tests. If women had not stepped in to do these jobs, Canada's war effort would not be the proud one that it is to-day.

Even with the men still available there are not sufficient to do these jobs. That particular plant plans to have 6,000 more people on its pay roll before the end of the year. Canada's fighting forces plan to have thousands more in training in the same period. Without women in industry taking the positions that were in the past only handled by men, Canada could not produce the tools and the fighting

forces that are necessary for our part in the coming victory. Canadian womanhood is playing a most important part even if it is not particularly spectacular.

New Control On Car Tires

Retreaded and used tires, used tubes, and retreading services, as well as new tires and new tubes are now under rigid control, according to an announcement by Hon. C. B. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply and which is explained in an announcement in another column.

Effective May 15, the new order is designed to conserve Canada's rubber supplies for war purposes, to prevent hoarding, and to keep essential vehicles, including farm trucks and implements, in operation as long as possible.

The order tightens the previous control over new tires and new tubes. It sets up three classes of eligible vehicles, "A", "B" and "C", on a sliding scale gauged according to the usefulness of the vehicle to a country at war, and it rules out the 1,000,000 or more motorists who are no longer able to buy even a used tube.

When a dealer has two or more orders for a similar tire or tube, and he cannot fill both orders, he must give preference to the owner of a vehicle in a higher class.

Owners of vehicles in Class "A" are permitted to buy new tires, new tubes, retreaded tires, retreading services, used tires or used tubes. In this class are such vehicles as cars used by physicians, cars belonging to clergymen who serve two or more congregations more than three miles apart, cars used by clergymen in sparsely settled districts, trucks for road repairs, trucks for carrying farm products and foods, fire fighters' vehicles, police vehicles, and farm tractors and harvester combines, other than automobiles and trucks, for the operation of which tires and tubes are essential.

Owners of vehicles in Class "B" are permitted to buy retreaded tires, retreading services, used tires and tubes. In this class are rural mail carriers, passenger cars or trailers used principally for the transportation of produce and supplies to and from his farm by a person whose principal occupation is farming, and who owns no truck, and others.

Owners of vehicles in Class "C" may purchase only used tires and used tubes. Included in this class are vehicles used principally in the course of their duties by the following: Farm or food products inspectors, dentists or optometrists who serve more than one community, scrap buyers, sheriffs or other law enforcement officers, servicemen who repair farm machinery, rural school teachers, rural undertakers, and newspaper reporters. Also covered in this class are horse-drawn vehicles and farm implements for the operation of which tires are essential.

Greater Canadian Service

When we visited Toronto Exhibition grounds on Friday and were permitted to see the use of which all the buildings are being made for military purposes, we can readily understand the need for cancellation of the Exhibition. The buildings where thousands of head of stock were shown are now sleeping and living quarters for thousands of men in training.

Modern kitchens and dining rooms that will accommodate hundreds of men have been established in sunlit sections of the buildings. True many of the installations are of a temporary nature and little has been done that will spoil the buildings for exhibition purposes after the war. But to interrupt the establishment and the program now under way for the annual fair would indeed be a slow-down on Canada's training program.

There will be no Canadian National Exhibition this year and for the consideration given by the officers of Canada's national welfare above personal desires or traditional prejudices Canadians owe a debt of gratitude. The institution continues to serve Canada in a greater capacity.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It costs \$2.50 to send a food parcel to a prisoner of war. The Red Cross is sending 2,000,000 a year now. Your five dollar donation will send a couple of boxes.

100,000 postcards from prisoners of war on file in Ottawa tell of the parcels received by those men in Nazi-held territory. Only the Red Cross can carry on this work. Only your donation will help.

Answering the question: "What is wrong with the educational system?" a newspaper quoting a speaker said "The trouble is that the teachers are afraid of the principal; the principal is afraid of the inspector and the school board; the school board is afraid of the parents; the parents are afraid of the children and the children are not afraid of anyone."

Once again Acton and district is meeting the call. The Reserve Army of home defence has in the first week of recruiting had almost all of the vacancies filled and may before this issue reaches our readers have accomplished its objective. This community has not missed on one of its war objectives. Always the job that is asked has been done. Once again this has proven the case and there is reason for justifiable pride. There are, at time of writing, eight

WAR 25 Years Ago

Marshal Joffre and Rene Viviani, Noted French Visitors, Given Great Receptions in Ottawa and Montreal

BY H. H. GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

Two Frenchmen who achieved fame in the First Great War were accorded remarkable receptions when they visited Eastern Canada 25 years ago. They were Marshal Joseph Joffre, hero of the Marne, and Rene Viviani, minister of Justice, who had been premier of France at the outbreak of war.

Heading a special mission to the United States, "Papa" Joffre, as he was popularly called, and M. Viviani came to Canada following conferences in Washington resulting from the entry of the United States into the war. At Ottawa and Montreal they expressed the gratitude of the people of France for the Dominion's response to the cause of the Entente Allies.

Viviani electrified a joint session of parliament at Ottawa, May 12, 1927, in an address in which he congratulated Canada and the Allies and referred to King Edward VII as the creator of the Entente.

He spoke of the great struggle going on, "between triumphant autocracy bent on ruling the world, and democracy whose sole aim is to regenerate it; between absolute rulers who consider us mere possessions the peoples over whom they rule, and democracy whose object is to elevate the mind, the conscience and the soul."

The members, many of whom could only guess the import of the impassioned oration in French, rose as one man to cheer the statesman. Profoundly stirred, Sir George Foster, acting premier and distinguished French scholar, moved that a record of the speech be placed in Hansard and Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared that "in the furnace of war this paradox of an Empire of free peoples has become a living thing under British institutions."

The following day a half million people lined the streets of Montreal for a military parade following which Marshal Joffre reviewed troops of the Montreal garrison at Fletcher's Field. The old soldier spoke very briefly. "I have seen your men in action," he said. "They are courageous, indomitable and marvellous; they despise death and their bravery is only equalled by that of the soldiers of France."

A state luncheon and other functions followed in which the Marshal met many representative French-Canadians. He spoke little beyond expressing thanks for the tumultuous ovations accorded the French representatives wherever they went.

Before leaving for France, Marshal Joffre sent the following message to Sir George Foster: "We take with us an undying memory of this welcome, which has permitted us to realize how close and affectionate are the bonds which unite us in these hours, when all moral and physical power of the Allies should be consecrated to the common cause and to victory."

Villagers Sweep Airplane Fields It Happened in Winter When Snowstorm Made an English Airport Unusable

GLASGOW, (CP) — For security reasons it can't be said what village is concerned in this story or just where it is but the point is that the villagers work with a will. It happened late in the winter when, as a squadron of mammoth bombers heading overseas for Britain were too far out to turn back to their base, a heavy snowstorm made the landing field near the village unusable. The villagers turned out en masse with garden spades, sloop buckets, brooms and dust pans and had the whole runway clear by the time the planes arrived for a safe landing.

Develops Photos At Break of Day WAAF Girls Say It's More Exciting Than Cinema Newsreel

LONDON, (CP) — It's pictures before breakfast for a couple of Women's Auxiliary Air Force girls at one air station in Britain. The girls, one a former artist and the other an ex-assistant in a photographic studio, have the job of developing after each run the pictures taken by the bomber crews of their squadron. Before the crews are through telling of the night's operations, their pictures are in the intelligence files, as corroborations of the verbal reports.

The girls are taking turns in leaving their beds when it is still dark. "We feel we're right in the picture," one of them said. "It's as good as watching an exciting newsreel and much more important. Then we go to breakfast before getting on with duller photographic jobs during the day."

CROSSER FOR CLOTHES

STOCKHOLM, (CP) — Spotlight on Germany today is this: not in the March 8 issue of the Munchener Nachrichten: "Onk grave crosses supplied, with cement slab if desired, in exchange for worn gentlemen's clothing."

MEAN—MEANING IDEAL

New York (CP) — Now it's the "mean leg" that is in any average or normal or ideal, perhaps all three—and June Cox is voted by the stocking stylists to have it with these measurements: Call, 13 1/2, ankle 8, knee to heel length 10 inches.

NATIONAL WAR LABOUR BOARD COST OF LIVING BONUS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has found that the cost of living index number for April 1, 1942, of 115.9 [adjusted index 115] has not risen by one whole point or more over the index number for October 1, 1941, of 115.5 [adjusted index 114.6]. Accordingly, the National War Labour Board, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of Order in Council P. C. 8253, determines and announces, for the period May 15, 1942, to August 15, 1942, subject to the right of employers or employees to apply to a War Labour Board for authorization of payment of such an amount of cost of living bonus as a Board may determine to be "fair and reasonable," under the provisions of the Order, that:

- (a) There shall be no change in the amount or percentage of cost of living bonuses presently being paid;
(b) An employer who has not been paying cost of living bonuses may not begin to pay such bonuses.

By Order of the National War Labour Board, HUMPHREY MITCHELL Minister of Labour and Chairman Ottawa, Canada, May 12, 1942



Which side are you on Mrs. Brown?

Maybe you think your small change cannot help... that "total war" means "somebody else."

Maybe you're one of the thousands of housewives who haven't yet started to put even 50¢ a week into War Savings Stamps—just a neutral...

There aren't any neutrals in this war! You're a help or a hindrance to victory. You can't get out of it. If you spend thoughtlessly you'll deny our fighting forces the arms they need and imperil your own future. If you—and 2,000,000 other housewives in Canada—put only 50¢ a week into War Savings Stamps, it means \$1,000,000 a week to help win the war. Which side are you on?

Buy War Savings Stamps from banks, post offices, drugstores, grocers and other retail stores. National War Finance Committee.

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Table with columns for CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS AT ACTON DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, listing train numbers and times for various routes.

GRAY COACH LINES

Table with columns for COACHES LEAVE ACTON (Eastern Daylight Saving Time), listing destinations like Westbound and Eastbound with times.

SCRAP OLD METHODS

MANCHESTER, (CP) — After the war Britain must scrap old methods of production and introduce new ones. H. L. Johnson said when he was elected president of the Textile Institute of Britain.