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**EDITORIAL**

**Earn the Right to Share in Victory**

Next week Canada starts out on another task of raising a loan which will help provide the funds to win victory. This is the third loan. There have been War Savings Campaigns and lots of other campaigns for the civilian population to share in the road along the years since 1939. But they've changed as the years roll on. They were new and novel just as war was new to many in the first years. Three years wears off the novelty and the glamor but it increases the necessity. More fronts mean more fighting forces and more equipment. Only the money of those at home can provide these.

And so next week another Victory Loan campaign gets underway. It doesn't matter much to you and me and Mr. or Mrs. or Miss average citizen how many million dollars are required. The figure that is set for your community and your unit comes nearer to being understood than the Dominion objective. The amount that you can loan now or arrange to loan out of future earnings is the thing that affects you and me most directly. Perhaps you think it is so small that it won't help, but there isn't any such amount. It's going to take every last amount to meet the objective and we at home just can't fail.

Those past three years have many times had the signs along the road to victory, seemingly in reverse order. The fighting men and the dollars to fight did not fail then. Victory has certainly not been achieved yet, but at last it appears that Hitler and his German hordes have been stopped — yes, just barely stopped. Now comes the time to roll them back. Now comes the time to put Germans back in Germany and send the Italians and Japs back home from their expeditions, humiliated, and beaten. Now comes the time to let these murderous gangs feel the horrors they have inflicted on others they have overrun. Now comes the time to let the German people know that they are going to be crushed so that never again will they have the inclination or ability to assert themselves as superior to any other race or class of people.

Now is your time to share in that victory. If you can't join the fighting forces, you can send your dollars into the fray. If you want the right to rejoice in the victory that is surely coming, earn it by sharing in it. Remember it isn't the yelling and hollering that will bring victory — it's men, machines and money.

Next week is your opportunity to supply part of the money, and earn the right to share in the victory that is certainly coming and will be hastened by the combined effort of every Canadian. And remember you are not giving, you are just lending at good interest.

**It Depends on You—You Depend on It**

Last week Acton Y.M.C.A. started another term and as we attended and saw the crowd attending and listened to the review of the work being accomplished and activities planned for the coming season, we were both reminiscent and thankful in our mood.

We checked with the corner stone on the building as we came out and it verified our date that it was just eight years since the Y started in Acton. Just eight years since the experiment of maintaining a program in a community the size of Acton had been undertaken. Just eight years since many had doubts that the thing was feasible. Just eight years in times of depression and in times of war since the Y had come to Acton. Always in periods of uncertainty it had carried on.

And now we did find the Y had carried on and last year for the first time its program had been year round, and not just in the fall and winter months. Its program to-day was not what was anticipated eight years ago—it is better. And so we came after a mental review of those eight years to a thought of appreciation of the fortunate position Acton enjoys in having this community centre. Evidence that we were not alone in this thought was seen in the fact that opening night this year had the biggest crowd in attendance since the opening of the new building.

The years and the community needs have solved the Y.M.C.A. local program. The years and the needs will make its growth and influence greater. Both have been good in the past. They can be greater in the future as it rises to meet those conditions that the future does hold. Its success in both past and future depend largely on the present. To give the greatest community service the Y.M.C.A. must have the support of every citizen in every walk of life in Acton and district.

It was Daniel Defoe who over two hundred years ago made a statement that has lived through the centuries. "All the good things of this world are no further good than as they are of use; and whatever we may heap up to give to others, we enjoy only as much as we can make useful to ourselves and others, and no more."

The Y in Acton is yours. Use it and it will give you greatest service.

**A Restriction That Would Be Welcomed**

In an editorial last week the Financial Post draws attention to the waste of material that could be eliminated by cutting down on many government publications. It says: "Elmer Davis, head of the U. S. Office of War Information, has ordered the elimination of almost 250 official pamphlets, bulletins, handbooks, etc., and the curtailment of many more. This is a move which Charles Vining, recently appointed to handle a similar bureau in Canada, might well consider."

"Like Washington, the Dominion Government has sponsored the publication of a wide range of official literature. These run all the way from single multigraph sheets dealing with some small phase of farming or housekeeping, to expensive and bulky blue books.

"Some of these are important and undoubtedly should be continued, but a great many of them simply use up valuable white paper, clutter the mails, and soon find their way into the wastepaper basket. Even in peace time, their real worth was sometimes dubious. Now when every bit of spare labor and material is needed for the war effort, we simply cannot afford this sort of thing.

"Moreover, much of this information that Ottawa tries to distribute through the mails in bulletin and pamphlet form will reach a larger audience more promptly and much more cheaply, if submitted directly to existing and established publications."

**Stiff Competition**

An article published in the Financial Post last week regarding investment in the brewing industry contained a lot of information that certainly does not indicate the brewing industry as very essential at the present time. In 1941 the whole brewing industry employed 5,932 persons. Last year goods having a selling value of over ninety-seven million dollars were produced. Production of beer, ale, stout and porter rose by nearly eighteen million gallons in 1941 over the previous year.

Sure the industry pays taxes but it also pays big dividends. Associated Breweries of Canada paid a higher dividend than in any year since 1929. Canadian Breweries Ltd. for the nine months ended July 31st this year showed net profits equivalent to \$2.88 per share on the preference compared with \$2.34 a share for a corresponding portion of the previous year.

National Breweries is reported as showing "a long record of good earnings and dividend payments and has built up a strong financial position." Blue Top Brewing Co. is listed as showing a growing record of earnings since its re-organization a few years ago.

Pretty stiff competition for an investor's money are these brewery stocks when placed beside the rate paid for Victory Bond holders. Pretty stiff competition are the products of the breweries for the money of wage-earners which could be turned into government savings rather than making the worker unfit for his labor in producing war's materials. In the period of elimination of unessential things it is to be hoped a sober mind will preside.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The Monday holiday saw the close of the Fall Fair season in Ontario, and the season certainly closed in a blaze of autumnal glory.

Perhaps the fine autumn weather of the past week has been Indian Summer, but whatever it is, a long period will be welcomed.

Sturge hours are receiving consideration in many communities. Fortunately Acton passed a by-law two or three years ago that pretty well regulated this problem.

**The Week at OTTAWA**

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by  
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Prime Minister Mackenzie King's cabinet underwent a major shuffle last week which added three new ministers from Quebec province but speculation already is current as to possible further shifts and on who will get the long-awaited appointments as ministers to China and Moscow.

The shuffle of last week brought in three new ministers—Maj.-Gen. L. R. La Flèche as Minister of National War Services, succeeding Hon. J. T. Thomson, who becomes President of the Exchequer Court; Alphonse Fournier as Minister of Public Works, and Ernest Bertrand as Minister of Fisheries. Hon. J. E. Michaud left the Fisheries portfolio to become Transport and Deputy Speaker Thomas Vlen of the House of Commons was appointed to the Senate.

**Possible Appointments**  
 One report has it that Arthur Slaght, M.P., for Parry Sound will succeed Hon. Norman McLarty as Minister of State.

Who will get the new diplomatic posts at Moscow and Chungking is a closely guarded secret. The name of Maj.-Gen. Victor Odium, now high commissioner to Australia, has been mentioned for the Moscow job, and that of Mr. Justice T. C. Davis, Associate Deputy Minister of National War Services, as a possible successor to Gen. Odium in Australia. Another report suggested that Gen. Odium, who is in Canada at present, might go to Chungking.

L. D. Wilgress, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce who spent some time in Russia as a trade commissioner and speaks the Russian language fluently has been talked of for the Moscow post.

**Question of Manpower**  
 The manpower shortage continues to be one of the toughest problems facing the government. Action to

curtail non-essential industries is expected any day now. Just how this will be done remains to be seen but it is considered likely whatever program is undertaken will be put in operation through existing powers, and not by means of a new order-in-council.

Some steps in this direction already have been taken. Workers in gold mines are being sought to fill the manpower needs of base metal mines in the Sudbury, Ont. district, where the shortage is acute. The United States has decided to halt operations of several hundred of the biggest gold mines in that country but it is not believed that such drastic action will be necessary.

Another move came in the form of tightened building restrictions, announced by the Munitions and Supply Department, under which a license is required for construction of any house costing more than \$500.

**More Men for Army**  
 Another angle to the manpower shortage is that the army has issued a supplementary requisition for 6,505 men, who are being sought between Oct. 12 and Nov. 23. This is in addition to its requisition for 18,000 men who will be ordered to report between Oct. 19 and Nov. 13. The call for 6,505 men is a supplementary requisition to the July requisition, which was for 15,000 men, and was taken as an indication that the calls issued in that month did not produce the number of men required.

A new policy to deal with the vexatious problem of beef shortages was announced by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. It provides an increase of \$1.50 per hundredweight in the maximum wholesale carcass price of good commercial beef, effective Oct. 13, and corresponding increases in retail prices. There will be additional safeguards against exorbitant retail prices.

**Beef Grades**  
 Six grades of beef have been established and a premium of 50 cents a hundredweight above the basic price is to be allowed for the top-grade "Red Brand" approved by government inspectors. The \$1.50 increase will continue in effect until Nov. 30. Seasonal increases will start in December and continue until next June. From then on, June prices will be the

only ceiling prices and prices will be left free to fluctuate under that ceiling in accordance with actual market conditions.

Some more government restriction on the consumption of liquor is expected shortly. Many people think the government will call for a reduction in the alcoholic content of both spirits and beer. One possibility is that the government might ration the amount of spirits taken out of bond.

**MAYBE DOCTORS FOR DIPLOMACY**

LONDON, (CP) The Foreign Office has before it a proposal that doctors enter the diplomatic field after the war. It is suggested medical attaches in British embassies abroad would aid in maintaining health by pooling the world curative and preventive medical knowledge.

**Wheat as Cattle Feed**

With reference to the increased public interest in the feeding of cattle for next year's beef supply and the occurrence of a record grain crop, wheat is primarily a fattening feed and can therefore be used for beef cattle. With legume hay for roughage, wheat may be fed generously. For fattening market cattle, it is safer to feed it mixed with grains of a bulky nature. Oats are particularly suitable for feeding with wheat. It is advisable to include a high percentage of oats at the beginning of the feeding period and gradually increase the proportion and amount of wheat or other heavy grains as the period advances. Wheat should be rolled or combed ground for cattle. Beef cows which are being wintered on roughage of low quality require some grain feed frequently. A small allowance of wheat in combination with oats or chaffed roughage will give good results.

**NEGRO "WAAC'S"**

LONDON, (CP) A number of companies composed of negro women are included in the first contingent of United States Women's Army Corps arriving here.



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Daily, except Sunday	6:19 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	9:19 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	6:38 p.m.
Sunday only	8:19 p.m.
Flt. at Georgetown	9:24 p.m.
Flt. at Guelph	8:55 p.m.

**Going West**

Daily, except Sunday	1:06 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	8:50 a.m.
Saturday only	2:29 p.m.
Flt. at Georgetown, except Saturday and Sunday	6:24 p.m.
Flt. at Guelph, except Saturday and Sunday	7:05 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday	7:24 p.m.
Sunday only	11:43 p.m.

**GRAY COACH LINES**

**COACHES LEAVE ACTON**

**Westbound**

10:15 a.m.	11:13 a.m.	2:38 p.m.
3:50 p.m.	5:58 p.m.	6:33 p.m.
6:58 p.m.	8:38 p.m.	10:10 p.m.
11:20 p.m.		

**Eastbound**

6:05 a.m.	9:16 a.m.	11:51 a.m.
2:00 p.m.	4:36 p.m.	6:16 p.m.
7:01 p.m.	11:35 a.m.	

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