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EDITORIAL

May Your Christmas Be Joyous

To-morrow is Christmas Day! May it be a joyous one in every home. The past years of war have seen many changes. The Christmas gatherings will see absentees who were around the festive board a year ago. Many of them are miles away—some of them may have gone beyond where distances can be computed. But Christmas time is a time of looking ahead. A time which marks the birth of new ideals, new hopes, and we all hope marks a step nearer to achievement of the ideals of the life of Him whose birthday we observe.

Home and Christmas are always closely linked together. The joyous times in the home have a deep impression on the children and younger people of the home. Even though far away these times of joy are remembered. The letters from the absentees urge you to keep up this Christmas season as it has always been—as they now long for its return again.

And haven't we cause for much joy this Christmas. True, the battles rage, but they indicate that the ideals for which men strive and die are nearer; that the tide has turned and that people the world over have definite hope that all will be freed from the heel of the oppressors—and that peace shall reign again. Looking back over the three years of war, this Christmas has more cause for joy than in several other years.

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When it is considered that war time consumption of beer has increased by over 60 per cent. and the proposed cut is only 10 per cent. it is readily seen there is too much of the war time wages and workers' time going for a worthless purpose. The revelations by Mr. King of the growth of the liquor traffic in the last few years left little argument that if Canadians are going to play their part and deserve a share in the glory of victory they must sober up. The address was one of the finest the Prime Minister has delivered. The arguments against the new proposals were answered long before the proposals were revealed.

The point now comes: What will the provinces offer by way of co-operation. In the past Ontario has offered little and given the little it did offer with very bad grace. But now Mr. Conant is at the helm. It is noticeable however that his comment has been sort of deterred. If the matter is left up to the Ontario Liquor Board, experience of the past would indicate that there is not much hope of improvement. We have in mind the visit to this body on behalf of Acton industries for shorter hours of sale and the results secured.

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As We Go Along

This week it's butter that comes under the rationing plan and an advertisement on another page gives the details that are planned for orderly distribution of this commodity. It is not pleasant to hear that the shortage was caused by the greed of some people attempting to get more than a fair share of the supply. It bears out the fact that the freedoms of democracy require some disciplining in wartime, and if peace is to rule, will of necessity have to be carried through in the years after the struggle is ended.

Another interesting item in connection with the rationing announcement on butter is the evidence that prices are to be kept down for the consumer and maintained or increased for the primary producer. Our distribution of commodities has become much too complicated and costly and present day evidence would seem to indicate more for profit than efficiency. The point of interest here is that the Wartime Board has seen fit to see that he who labors—in the majority the producer and consumer—are not to be squeezed on account of the opportunities for gain that wartime provide.

We are not too sure that its a leaf from the Beveridge plan, the New Deal, or some wordy post-war program. But it is a tangible evidence that even in the stress of the prosecution of the war new methods can find the opportunity for a trial. We hope their success or necessity will not be talked under in the formation of the post-war days—or even the present days in which many are still interested.

The Lights Will Shine Again

The pre-Christmas season certainly impressed one with the important part electric lighting plays at this time of year. Store windows have been without lights so that it can scarcely be realized when the period of open evenings was observed. Missing is the familiar Christmas tree at the corner of Main and Mill streets with its multitude of colored lights and twinkling star. The trees that decorated lawns have no appearance to indicate a different season.

The absence of lights from windows has made a difference in the effort and decoration for window and door displays. There seems little incentive to make new displays and even bringing out the old ones gets to be a task rather than a joy. Remarkable how we miss these common-place things most when they are absent. The consolation is in the fact that the absence is only temporary. The lights that are dimmed of necessity for the present will shine again.

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The Week at OTTAWA
Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by
BY DOUGLAS GREEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Farmer, with their fellow Canadians, are expected to observe in their own use of butter the limitations imposed by the Prices Board in its order allowing consumers henceforth one-half pound of butter per week.

Donald Gordon, chairman of the Prices Board, has announced that because "some greedy and unscrupulous people" have aggravated local butter shortages by buying more than their current requirements, the board has been forced, with the government's approval, to ration the commodity.

The board, Mr. Gordon said, has undertaken to ration butter with "great reluctance," and only because existing conditions made it imperative. Under the order, the government subsidy on butterfat will be raised from six to 10 cents a pound.

This increase will compensate producers for the loss of the seasonal price increase previously authorized by the board during the winter production months. The Wartime Food Corporation, a unit of the Prices Board, will support the wholesale butter market to ensure that rationing does not depress butter prices "and thereby reduce prices to the farmer."

The subsidy will revert from 10 cents to six cents per pound next May 1. The ration order covers all butter, including dairy butter produced on a farm.

To cope with one of its biggest problems—that of housing newcomers to the federal civil service—Ottawa has undertaken a project whose achievements will be watched with keen interest by Canadians from coast to coast.

A group known as the Central Housing Registry Committee, has been established, primarily to find suitable living accommodations for the small army of girl workers which has streamed into Ottawa since 1939 to fill positions in ever-increasing government departments.

It is conservatively estimated that 10,000 girl office workers have come to Ottawa in the past three years. They represent practically every community in the Dominion. Some have never before been away from home; many have never had a meal in a

restaurant, and a few, official records show, have never before ridden on a street car.

But whether they come from villages, towns or big cities, the problem of finding quarters is common to them all. The chairman of the Housing Registry Committee, C. A. McCracken, says Ottawa lacks accommodation where meals or even breakfast are provided.

His conclusion is based on records obtained by a group of organizations which, since the outbreak of the war, have served voluntarily to assist all newcomers to Ottawa. Mr. McCracken has had extensive experience in housing problems as chairman of the Civil Servants' Association Housing Committee.

Liquor Question

Observers here are awaiting an announcement by Finance Minister Hiley upon the length to which the Dominion Government is prepared to go in assisting provinces whose revenues will be depleted by the regulations restricting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors.

Beyond saying that he is prepared to confer with representatives of provinces which heretofore have obtained sizeable sums through the taxes they levied upon beer, wine and spirits, Mr. Hiley has given no hint of the help the Dominion treasury is prepared to extend them.

Although reduction in volume of alcoholic beverages available for consumption may mean lowered revenues for most provincial treasurers, spokesmen for the provinces said they will co-operate in the new federal restriction program.

Based on the volume of beverage alcohol released for consumption in the 12 months ended Nov. 1 last, the quantity released for consumption in Canada in the following 12 months is to be reduced as follows: beer 10 per cent, wine 20 per cent, and spirits 30 per cent.

The restrictions, announced by Prime Minister Mackenzie King in a broadcast last week are not expected to affect greatly those who wish to celebrate during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Military Call-Up

The extension of military call-up regulations to include married men between 19 and 25 and the check being made to ensure that single men between 19 and 40 receive notices to report for compulsory military training indicates that the government is counting all sources of manpower to meet the needs of the forces.

It has not yet been stated whether married men over 35 years of age will be subject to call, but it is considered likely that as the war goes

on, married men in the older groups will be required to report for training.

The plight of farmers faced with a shortage of labor, one of the matters engaging the government's attention, has once again been brought to Ottawa's notice by the Edmonton chamber of commerce, which in a brief sent to Prime Minister King, claimed that agriculture is running a poor fight to the armed services and the munitions and supply industries in the allocation of labor. The brief suggested that the government take steps to provide farmers with help to enable them to meet demands for greatly increased production in 1943.

When Horse Stamps Look Out for Mange

When a horse stamps its feet in the stable and rubs its hind legs together, it is most likely suffering intense irritation from symbiotic mange, one of the three varieties of this disease in horses. In winter time, the irritation is much more intense than in summer. Symbiotic mange is generally confined to the legs, more especially to the hind legs, and is frequently seen in heavy horses with hairy legs. The disease yields readily to treatment.

The same three varieties of mites cause mange in sheep, but the disease is much more serious in sheep than in horses or cattle because if not only injured, the health of the sheep but greatly depreciates the value of the wool. Four mites cause mange in cattle but whether the disease occurs in horses, sheep, or cattle, it is a reportable disease and its suspected existence must be reported without delay to the nearest Dominion Veterinary Inspector who will decide what is to be done.

PRODUCTION UPPED 500 PER CENT. BY JOINT COMMITTEE

Our London Correspondent tells in his weekly cable that an armament plant in the London area has smashed its monthly production target to smithereens, increasing its output 500 per cent. by a Joint Production Committee of Workers and Management.

The general manager told our correspondent "the truth in plain language is that without the existence of the Joint Production Committee and the help of the shop stewards, we would have been stuck in the mud. Instead, we have hit the target five times over and are on the way to a new record next month."

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Going East

Daily except Sunday	6:49 a.m.
Daily except Sunday	12:25 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	9:19 a.m.
Sunday only	8:19 p.m.
Flyer at Georgetown	9:24 p.m.
Flyer at Guelph	8:55 p.m.

Going West

Daily except Sunday	1:06 a.m.
Daily except Sunday	7:50 a.m.
Saturday only	2:29 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	7:24 p.m.
Sunday Only	11:54 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

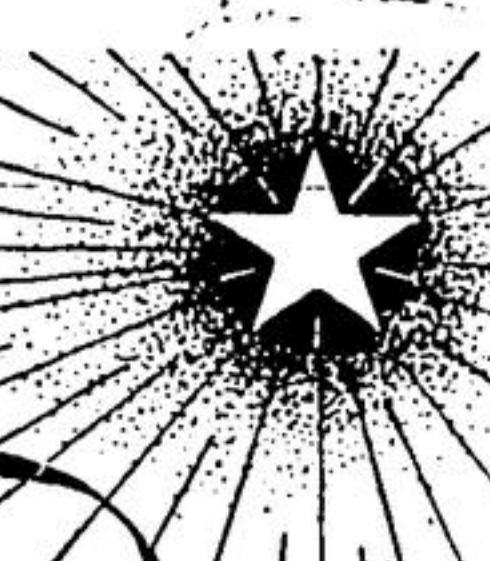
Westbound

10:15 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
6:15 p.m.	8:15 p.m.	10:15 p.m.

Eastbound

6:16 a.m.	7:16 a.m.	8:16 a.m.
9:16 p.m.	1:16 p.m.	6:16 p.m.
9:01 p.m.	10:01 p.m.	11:01 p.m.

a Daily except Sunday.
b Sunday and Holidays.
c Daily except Sunday and Holidays.
d Sat., Sun. and Hol.
e To Kitchener Only.
f To Stratford Only.



A LIGHT THAT WILL ALWAYS SHINE

☆ In the hearts of men, women and children in this Canada of ours gleams a light that will never be dimmed. Its flame is fed by an inward spirit of determination to put down tyranny at the cost of any sacrifice; to enthrone freedom everywhere.

☆ One by one, in countries all over the world, the light of liberty has "gone out", but here, it is Christmas.

☆ True, outside of our homes there is less artificial glitter than of old, but because of that, the lights in our war industries shine brighter and there is more power available to make tools that will the sooner diffuse the light of liberty "over there".

☆ And so, though our Christmas may be a little less bright to the eye, within our hearts and our homes the light of a great purpose is aflame. The comparatively small sacrifices we make to conserve electricity will make more ships, guns, planes and tanks to speed the coming of Peace and Good Will to all the world.

THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO