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EDITORIAL

Some Co-Operation?

If every other group who were asked to co-operate in the war effort gave the same type of co-operation that the brewing and distilling interests have shown since the address of Prime Minister King, Canada would indeed have real chaos and a nullified war effort.

While it has always been illegal for manufacturers of intoxicating beverages to advertise in Ontario we have seen a regular flood of advertising inserted in all sorts of periodicals printed in the province up until the first of the month. Some of these advertisements of the brewing interests have undertaken to dictate the speech the Prime Minister could have given. Others have tried to show how badly used the brewing interests have been. We have not seen one that showed a willingness to accept gracefully restrictions on their trade in wartime.

Just what will be the attitude now that Dominion law becomes effective on the advertising angle remains to be seen. Provincial law enforcement from any standpoint has been more or less of a joke for some time—and the police are not to blame either. And we doubt if the new provincial squad will have any effect for better enforcement.

The liquor interests have by flouting the provincial law, of advertising and their present attitude, shown what co-operation can be expected in the war effort. They have answered the Prime Minister's appeal by telling him what they would have liked him to say. We wonder how far Canada's war effort would progress if every other business took the same attitude? We wonder how long any other business would be permitted to take the same attitude? The sooner Canada has a real shortage of intoxicating beverages the greater will be the ability of its people for an all-out effort.

More Than a Lower Rate

While the tax rate reduction this year is not as large in Acton as the one enjoyed last year it comes as good news to all ratepayers that the tendency is towards lower rates. But even better news is the indication that the lower rate does not mean curtailment of services, or lack of provision in the estimates for proper maintenance of municipal property repairs of side walks, roadways, etc. Yes, the lower rate is possible in spite of the fact that additional new services, such as a Public Health Nurse have been provided for in the estimates.

There can be little said for municipalities that sacrifice their community property and services just to maintain a low tax rate. Such communities do not attract more citizens of the better type to them or create a desire for the present citizens to enjoy living in them.

Some may ask how increased expenditure can be afforded and the tax rate lowered at the same time. The answer is simple. At the close of 1939 the taxes unpaid were over \$7,000. The year previous the unpaid taxes amounted to nearly \$8,000. In 1940 the tax arrears had dropped to a little over \$4,000. At the close of this year the unpaid taxes were less than \$1,000. There has been careful financing and good collecting. When all take a fair share of the load the tax burden comes lighter. If those tax arrears go up another \$1,000 next year instead of down, it means that those who pay will have to be assessed another mill to make up for those who are in arrears. The debenture debt is also getting down

splendidly and Actonians can anticipate further reductions and a maintenance of the public services of the community.

Where Little Money Saves Many Lives

THE FREE PRESS is pleased indeed to co-operate in the appeal this month for \$250,000 from Ontario for the Chinese War Relief Fund. While the activity on other fronts may at the present time be more spectacular we must not forget that China has been tortured by war for over six years. Added to war's horrors are famine and disease.

War casualties and damage on other fronts may appear large but China has killed or permanently incapacitated 1,200,000 Japanese soldiers. Right now China is engaging 1,000,000 Japanese soldiers on her own fronts who would be released if China laid down her part of the work.

And it takes so little money to care for so many Chinese. \$20 will keep a Chinese refugee alive for a whole year. A five-dollar bill will disinfect 500 Chinese wounds. In another column you can read how to help this fund. Nowhere can you put money to give so much life saving power as it can to help the Chinese, torn not only by war but by famine and pestilence.

The New Ration Books

In another column information is furnished regarding the securing of the new ration books. Places to secure these new books have been made convenient and we urge all to read the instructions carefully before making application for the new book. Remember that those who are doing the work are doing it only as a citizenship duty and are receiving no remuneration. If you can help, offer your services.

You must take in your old book when making application and file in the form requested. Your old book will be returned to you as there are yet a number of coupons in it that are needed to secure supplies before the new book is valid. The new books do not become valid until March 6th.

In view of the fact that it is not possible to foresee what commodities may require rationing the new book will contain spare coupons just as the old did. The announcement in another column gives complete details for this district. Read it thoroughly before making your application for a new book.

Building Better Bodies

Citizens generally have been commending the action of Municipal Council and other public groups in providing for Acton to have the services of a Public Health Nurse. It is a forward step and in these days when the general health of the public is so essential this community cannot afford to lag behind.

Frankly we are not fully conversant with the duties that will be undertaken by a Public Health Nurse. We doubt if any of our citizens can at this present time outline these duties in detail. There may be a tendency of some of us to expect too much from this new service. From the name some may get the impression that nursing service will be applied on call. Some may conceive that in any illness they are entitled to services which cannot be rendered. But time alone and the adoption of the service will straighten out many of these problems.

Judging from the attention that is being given to provision for maintaining public health throughout the Dominion, this local step is only a forerunner of the services which may be set up at small cost for every Canadian. Ill health and consequent loss of time has been a problem that has bothered every man and woman. Many illnesses could be avoided if precautions were taken—but often these precautions are neglected because funds are felt to be lacking. Young Canadians of this generation will undoubtedly have an opportunity to develop stronger bodies and enjoy better health throughout their lifetime as a result of present day health arrangements.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It appears that Hitler hasn't mastered the technique that is required to give public addresses when he has nothing to offer but blood and toil, sweat and tears.

Looks as if the open air rink was to be abandoned for this year. Too bad, but the young folks have been very uncomplaining even if they have been disappointed.

You never miss the water 'til the tap goes dry, and that period of less than an hour Tuesday morning made folks realize how important it is to just always get a supply when needed.

Haven't figured out yet who'll win, but this battle of the snow seems to go on incessantly. The West wind put it one place and the East wind fills the other corner. Only the South wind settles it. The shovellers clear the sidewalks and along comes the plow and throws it back again. Only spring can bring a decision.

The announcement that the annual grants to Fall Fairs would be continued this year by the Provincial Government is plain enough evidence that it is the desire of the Department for the Fairs of the province to carry on and maintain these institutions which have come to mean a good deal in town and rural community life.

Even Chickens, Good Smuggling O'er Irish Line

"It Made a Man of Me," says Ragged Veteran of Border Trade and He's Proud of His Achievement

BY ALAN RANDALL, Canadian Press Staff Writer

SOMEWHERE IN SOUTH ARMAGH, Northern Ireland, (CP)—Big Jimmy pumped air into the gas lantern hanging from a beam before the open hearth of his kitchen and said the business of smuggling stuff from Ulster to Eire and from Eire to Ulster is really fun.

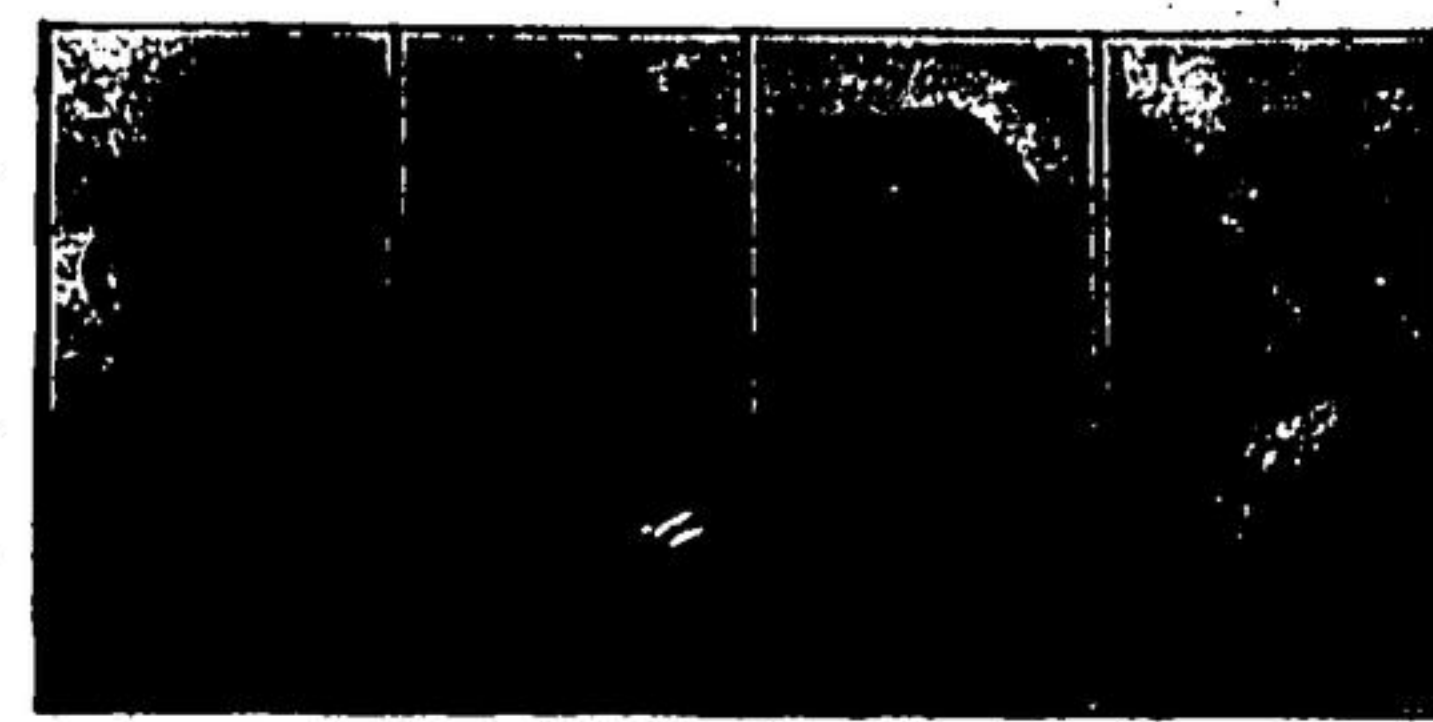
The excitement of getting chased by the police gets into your blood. Even if there wasn't any money in it, Jimmy would probably smuggle anyway. "Sure," he said in his thick Irish brogue, "it's a split second work. Either you make or Doherty does."

Doherty, by the way, is the name of one of Jimmy's policemen friends—though Jimmy is not Jimmy's real name. In the interests of his business he's just Jimmy for this story. But he's said to be one of the top-notch smugglers in these hills where nearly everybody smuggles or is suspected of doing so. He smuggles on foot in daylight or darkness through the foothills of the border bog or, if the haul is a "fily" size, by bicycle on the roads through the hills. Sometimes if the load is particularly bulky, something like 200 chickens, he uses a hand cart on the bog paths though that is risky and the cops already have at least one of his specially built handcarts.

Cattle on the Road As Jimmy pumped up the lantern and his wife brewed strong tea in a kettle blackened by long hanging over her open fire you could hear cattle moving in the darkness along the road in front of the house. "It's a job they're doing now indeed," he said. You got the idea he'd have liked to have been down on the border, a scant three miles away, to help get those cattle into northern Ireland.

For Jimmy this business started when he was broken and had to borrow enough money to buy four pounds of sugar in Eire, hoping to smuggle it home and make a profit. They caught him that time so he borrowed more money to pay a fine and vowed he would really smuggle. "It made a man of me, I tell you," said Jimmy. "And now everything you're going to eat in this kitchen is smuggled." He poured out a tumbler full of what he said was lemonade. It wasn't

Sea Heroes Granted Awards



THE official publication of the British Government, The London Gazette, contains citations of awards approved by His Majesty the King, for gallantry at sea made to Captain P. A. Kelly, at the time Chief Officer of the S.S. "Lady Hawkins," Canadian National Steamship, and three crewmen, Robert Clayton, Huntsport, N.S., third wireless officer; Charles Bolivar, able seaman, Upper La Have, N.S., and William Burton, carpenter, Hamilton, Ont., (shown left to right, above). They were commended for their courage and resourcefulness during the voyage of the lifeboat so skillfully navigated by Captain Kelly after the sinking of the Lady Hawkins by an enemy submarine last year.

In naming Captain Kelly, of Halifax, N.S., to be a "member of the

civil division of the Most Excellent order of the British Empire," The London Gazette records that "the ship sailing alone was attacked by a U boat in the Atlantic. The Chief Officer after getting his own boat away stayed on board trying to get other boats away. Just before the ship sank he swam to his own boat and took charge. It was overcrowded, with seventy-six survivors. After four days they were picked up. Part of the time the boat met with heavy weather and to steer an overlaid boat with an oar replacing the lost rudder called for good seamanship."

"The Chief Officer showed sterling qualities of leadership throughout and his cheerfulness sustained the spirits of all in the boat."

but Jimmy had brought it over the border himself. The "misus" put out great plates of ham, a lot of butter, sugar, pepper, jam and tea. It all came from "over the hill."

As Jimmy ate, his wife sat by the fire. Little Kathy, her long golden hair shining in the firelight, sat on her daddy's knee. And as Jimmy ate he put an arm around Kathy and filled the kitchen with stories of smuggling.

Cycling's the Thing "The cycling runs are what Jimmy likes best. You see he used to be cycling champion (a turf rider) and there's not a cop in Northern Ireland can touch him when it comes to cycling in these hills.

There was the time, for instance when Jimmy and a pal were cycling home with 125 pounds of sugar each and two policemen ordered them to halt. Jimmy and his pal rode on and the cops followed. "When they tried to get close enough to grab us we'd shift over the road in front of them

like you do in a big race when somebody tries to pass," said Jimmy. "Then, when we knew we had a long downhill run ahead we speeded up, whipped far ahead of the police and around a bend where we hid and watched the police go by. Then we went home."

Another time Doherty got a pal of Jimmy's scuffed and got away. Later Doherty told Mrs. Jimmy the fellow he missed "seemed to be strongly built." You've got to be to cycle these hills the way Jimmy does.

The business has its inconveniences of course. Occasionally the police shoot over your head to try and stop you. Also your house is searched from time to time and once in a while you run your clothes by hopping into the bog to hide. "But," said Jimmy, "it doesn't matter if they only think you smuggle. They've got to prove it."

Despatch is the soul of business—Lord Chesterfield.

HOLD HIGH THE TORCH OF FREEDOM



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Going West Daily, except Sunday 1:06 a.m. Daily, except Sunday 8:50 a.m. Saturday only 2:29 p.m. Daily, except Sunday 7:24 p.m. Sunday Only 11:54 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES

CHANGE OF TIME TABLE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 8th

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Eastbound 6:46 a.m.; 9:16 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 6:26 p.m.; 9:16 p.m.; 10:41 p.m.

Westbound 9:10 a.m.; 9:28 p.m.; 11:53 p.m. 27:33 p.m.; 9:28 p.m.; 11:53 p.m.

u—To London. b—Sundays and Holidays only. c—To Guelph daily, to Kitchener, Sunday and Holidays. y—To Kitchener. z—To Stratford.

MARCH TO NOWHERE

ST. PAUL, (CP)—Forced marches, under desert heat conditions, are simulated on a treadmill at University of Minnesota while a physician checks blood pressure and other reactions as tests for actual fighting conditions in North Africa.