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EDITORIAL

One of These Nights

One of these nights soon, when darkness cloaks the enemy shores, sons from Acton and Canadian homes will be peering into the gloom, waiting nervously for the whispered signal to attack.

Our sailors will be there, manning the invasion fleet, ready for the screeching, diving enemy bombers. Our fighter pilots will be dressed for battle, ready for the grimmest test of air strength the war has yet developed.

Our boys who, not so long ago, sang in Sunday schools, sat on the store steps on Saturday nights, went to the Y.M.C.A., played on the hockey and baseball teams and went to the picture show, are face to face now with death.

While their hearts and minds and bodies are steeled to the job of wiping out the cruel foe, does anyone believe for a moment that in that hour of waiting they will not be thinking about the scenes of yesterday?

Fully aware of the danger they face, that this great adventure may bring them to the end of the road and a soldier's grave, their thoughts will inevitably turn back for a moment or two to you and to me. They will have brief misgivings, little fears tugging at their heart-strings, a sudden mental question-mark as they wonder what we are doing in Canada at that moment and whether we are thinking about them.

Oh what we could miraculously appear beside them at that moment, grip their hands and say: "Good luck, my boy!" If there were only some way, we say, to make them feel that we are standing behind them in spirit at least!

And yet we have just such an opportunity now. Let's not overlook this certainty, that if each of us buys all the Victory Bonds he can during the next two weeks, if we push up above that billion and one objective, the news of it will be a heartening message to your boy and mine. They will know our hearts are in the right place, that the money we put up assures them all the reserves they are going to need.

Let's make the Fourth Victory Loan a rousing cheer for our boys overseas, a message of encouragement to them at the hour of attack.

What A Pity

A casual look in the park gates these days reveals that the winter has made some drastic changes about the entrance that do not tend to enhance the beauty. The hauling of wool over soft ground has cut driveways across the beautiful green lawn at the right of the entrance. The fence about the Pioneer's Cemetery has been badly damaged and the road at the rear of the arena is a proper mudhole. In spite of the fact that it was generally understood that the curling rink section would not be used, this has also been used for storage. Removal of the wool will likely reveal more damage to the building than is now discernible.

Many citizens who have striven for years to hold these beauty spots and are deeply interested in Acton Park and Arena will deplore the damage that has been done already. Payment of money will not restore these scars on beauty and only the years can erase them. Many citizens too are hopeful that the care of the park will be given more attention this year and this spot which has taken years to build up will have every consideration possible in maintaining it. It is fairly evident that those from out of town have little interest than the purpose for which the building was leased. It behooves those interested in Acton to assume that interest.

The People Choose

Last week Ontario Liberals elected a new leader and in the course of time it is anticipated that Hon. Harry Nixon will become Premier of Ontario to succeed Hon. Mr. Conant. Judging from the vote in the convention the choice is a very popular one and the tone of the gathering definitely showed that most folks were tired of the petty bickering and lack of co-operation that has been shown with the Dominion Government in these war times. The choice of Mr. Nixon as leader gives assurance that while Ontario's interests will be guarded the Dominion will receive co-operation and the war effort put uppermost.

It is rather interesting to note that of those aspiring for the leadership three were lawyers and only one was a farmer. Both the leaders of the Conservative and C.C.F. parties are also lawyers in Ontario. Can it be that only lawyers have time to devote to politics or is it that this only applies to Ontario? It was rather interesting to note in the convention addresses that each of the lawyer candidates however traced diligently any connection he may have had in his lifetime with agriculture.

Farmers, lawyers, or no matter what, the people always have the final word on who shall be their leader.

Goodwill Ambassadors

Scattered up and down the Dominion are some thousands of exiled boys and girls the great majority of whom have learned to love Canadians and to appreciate a new way of life.

Many of these children from England, Scotland and Wales came to Canada during the most impressionable years of their life. Some have reached adolescence and will soon be ready to take their place in the world. Others already have joined the fighting forces.

What has Canada meant to them? From the war-battered "fight little island" to the wide expanses of the Dominion was surely a remarkable transition. In a general way they have caught the vision of the broader, fuller life that Canada offers.

These children will return to the British Isles together with the impressions gained by their mothers and fathers from association with the thousands of Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen who for three years have been singing the praises of their homeland while on overseas service.

It is not too much to hope that the exiled children have gained not only a widened education and increased physical strength, but also resourcefulness and a breadth of outlook that will make them in very truth goodwill ambassadors for Canada.

War-torn Britain sees Canada as a land of hope and opportunity. Now is the time to lay the foundations for a broad-based policy of development in the post-war years that may well mark the beginning of a new era for the Dominion.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Meat and intoxicating liquors come in for the rationing system this month of May. One is necessary but the other doesn't figure in the essential cost of living.

Psychologists tell us that the average man forgets 54 per cent. of what he sees or hears within five days. Before you forget this go out and buy some more Victory Bonds!

"It will be a bit late after the casualty lists are printed to say, 'I wish I'd bought bonds in that last Victory Loan.'"—George W. Spinney, Chairman, National War Finance Committee.

The suspense of waiting for the blitz bomb to go off in Acton brings to mind the time all ears were tuned to the radio waiting for news of the rescue of the two men trapped in a mine.

The lowly fish, the sucker, is coming into its own this year. Last week the price jumped from four to as high as eight cents a pound and the keen demand continues.—Picton (Ont.) Gazette.

More than 150 Canadian arsenals are employing 50,000 men and women to manufacture 18 types of shells in 18 different calibres for the army, navy and air force. It takes your Victory Bonds to keep them going full blast!

During the first month of the Eighth Army's advance in Libya 1,000 tanks were taken out of battle, repaired and sent back to fight. Canada's Ram tank costs \$30,000 each. That's why Victory Loan dollars back the attack.

Why we should sing the praises of the farmer only at election time and kick him in the pants in between is more than we can swallow. Maybe some of our farmer friends are beginning to think likewise, say we.—Lindsay (Ont.) Watchman-Warder.

Development of extensive peat bogs of Ontario and Quebec is now being urged. Canada possesses the third largest peat bogs in the world—37,000 square miles as against 65,000 in Russia, 38,000 in Finland and 19,200 in Sweden.—Lachute (Que.) Watchman. The question now arises does it require miners to get it out, or will another union arise.

The Week at OTTAWA

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One result of legislation authorizing the compulsory movement of labor is expected here to be the provision of help for sugar beet growers of Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta, now facing a serious shortage of harvest labor.

Ontario growers some time ago asked the federal government to move Japanese workers from British Columbia to their areas to assist in harvesting, but officials encountered difficulty in inducing the Japanese to make the trip.

Principal purpose behind the measures announced by Labor Minister Mitchell is to relieve farm labor shortages. The orders give the minister authority to order the transfer to more essential employment of men now liable to compulsory military service—single men and childless widowers from 19 to 40 years of age, inclusive, and married men from 19 to 25 years old, inclusive.

Transfer of Labor

Selective Service Director Arthur MacNamara expects that the process of shifting out men in non-essential industries will turn up a number of farm workers who can be used in various areas. Already, the government is investigating the possibility of moving some workers from the Montreal area to the Niagara district of Ontario, where there exists a shortage of industrial as well as agricultural workers.

Another source of labor is provided by those men discharged from the army and now employed in low-priority industries. For the present, at least, they are not being compelled to shift from low to high priority employment, but the government is encouraging them to do so wherever possible.

Egg Distributions

Some concern is felt here over the effect which meat rationing—which comes into effect in Canada soon—will have upon the Dominion's egg distributions. Canada's 1943 egg production objective is 345,000,000 dozen, of which the United Kingdom wants about 63,000,000 dozen, the munitions department 7,572,000 dozen and ships' stores 817,796 dozen.

In addition, domestic requirements are expected to amount at least to 282,000,000 dozen. There is a danger that Canada's domestic consumption of eggs might threaten the supply required for outside uses.

Fish and fowl are expected from the ban upon meat dishes imposed on "meatless Tuesdays" in the country's restaurants, and agricultural authorities are hoping that Canadian consumers will not depend too heavily upon these commodities under meat rationing.

Rapeseed Cultivation

Canada's farmers can this year perform a patriotic service and at the same time feed their stock by growing rapeseed—source of a vital part of marine engine lubricant. Dominion experimental farms have distributed about 42,000 pounds of rapeseed in Quebec, Eastern Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and it is expected that more than 4,000 acres will be seeded.

The Dominion's total rapeseed oil requirements during 1943 have been estimated at 2,000,000 pounds, which would involve the planting of 10,000 acres and the use of about 50 tons of seed. Rapeseed, planted early in May, will mature in from 85 to 100 days.

Dairy Products

The Dairy Products Board will continue this month to support the creamery butter market, the Agriculture Department has announced. The Board has authority to buy butter as may be required to maintain the minimum price established for various months. The minimum price for this month, basis delivered to the consumer, will be 30 cents a pound in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, 32 cents in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec, and 33 cents in the Maritime provinces.

BUTTER DEALER FINED

Recently J. E. Bergeron, appeared in Police Court at Bromptonville, Que., and pleaded guilty to a violation of Clause 8 of the Regulations under Part 2 of the Dairy Industry Act. A fine of \$50 with costs was imposed on him. In this instance the defendant had in his possession for sale butter in first grade wrappers whereas the actual quality of the butter was found to be second grade. The charge was laid by an officer of the Dairy Products Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture.

FARMS GO FOR THE BLUE

LEEDS, England, (CP)—Ten thousand persons are affected by a decision of the War Office to take over thousands of acres of land in Yorkshire for a battle training ground. Many will have to discontinue farming, but their losses will be made good by the government.



THE STATE'S DUTY

It is the duty of the state to try to provide every man with opportunity to earn a livelihood. It definitely is not the duty of the state to care for people who will not take advantage of opportunities to earn their livelihood. We hear a great deal these days about "equality" and "liberty." It might be a good thing if we could hear something about justice. There is no justice in penalizing industry and thrift for the gain of laziness and extravagance.

In the current print of that very sane, distinguished weekly, The San Francisco Argonaut, there appeared eight points which this country at this time might well ponder. These:

1. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
2. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
3. You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
4. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
5. You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
6. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
7. You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.
8. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

—Ottawa Journal.

CARROLL'S

BACK THE ATTACK

SEEDS (For Your Victory Garden) 5¢ and 10¢

CHEESE 2 1/2 lb. loaf 69¢

PEPPER Ground Black 1 lb. 29¢

DESSERT PEARS 2 1/2's tin 20¢

SOUP (Clarke's Tomato) 3 10-oz. tins 28¢

FLOUR Monarch 24 lb. bag 24¢

Cornflakes Quaker 2 pkgs. 15¢

Our Teas 2-oz. pkgs. 10¢, 11¢, 14¢

CHIPS Large Package 23¢

SOAP 3 cakes 14¢

BEANS 2 lbs. 9¢

SEEDLESS TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT 4 for 29¢

FOR JUICE SEEDLESS FLORIDA ORANGES Size 250's 35¢ Dozen

FIRM IRISH TOMATOES Pound 29¢

WHEAT 2 pkgs. 23¢

Other items: Kaffee's GROUND ROASTED COFFEE 2 lbs. 25¢, OVALS 2 lbs. 25¢, MEAL 5 lbs. 20¢, COFFEE 1 lb. 45¢, COCOA 1 lb. 24¢, JAVES 1 lb. 14¢, Clean Flour WAX 1 1/2 lb. tin 59¢, WAX 1 1/2 lb. tin 45¢, CREAMER 1 lb. 10¢, SATINA 1 lb. 7¢, FLOUR 5 lbs. 25¢, FLOUR 1 lb. 14¢.

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TIME TABLES

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Going East

Daily, except Sunday	6:40 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	6:58 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday	9:40 a.m.
Sunday only	8:10 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	8:50 a.m.
Saturday only	2:20 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday	7:24 p.m.
Sunday Only	11:54 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES

CHANGE OF TIME TABLE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1943

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Eastbound

6:46 a.m.	9:16 a.m.	2:06 p.m.	6:26 p.m.
9:16 p.m.	1:04 a.m.		

Westbound

10:53 a.m.	3:28 p.m.	6:58 p.m.	11:53 p.m.
To London			
To Sundays and Holidays only			
To Guelph daily, to Kitchener, Sunday and Holidays			
To Elmhurst			
To Stratford			

SEARCH FOR OIL

PRETORIA, (CP)—The Union of South Africa government has appropriated £30,000 (\$135,000) for an "exhaustive search for mineral oil wells" in 1943.

SHOOTER IN BRUNSWICK

CAIRO, (CP)—Polish fighter pilots, many of them veterans of the Battle of Britain, were in the forefront of the Tunisian fighting.