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EDITORIAL

The Attack Is Backed

Canada has completed successfully the biggest financial job in its history. The \$1,000,000 asked for has been more than subscribed in the Fourth Victory Loan. In that endeavor Acton and the district have again contributed a share to the success by subscribing better than asked. As this is written complete details are not available either for the community, County or Dominion and may not be finished for some days.

All have done well their part. More Canadians than ever before have assisted in making this loan a greater achievement. That has been true also in this community. Again in nearly every instance former bond holders became subscribers for increased amounts in this loan. Every industry in Acton reached its quota.

To those workers in this and every community who are called on and respond willingly in so many of the demands on their time and talents, goes a large measure of credit for the success attended. They have done well their task here. Results indicate that the same is true of most parts of the Dominion. All too often these workers are unfairly criticized during the campaign. All too often they are overlooked when the task has been successfully accomplished. It requires work and sticking to the job when the going is tough. It means determination when others sit back and say it can't be done. It is not the weak and easily discouraged who bring this success and in this time of victory their work merits any praise that is given.

It is indeed a happy time as we are again able to write so that those who serve on distant battlefields may read that Canada is backing the attack and that Acton and the district has taken its share of the home front struggle. We're backing the attack.

At Least Not Co-Operative

At the risk of being condemned by every school boy or girl or the many folk who do enjoy that first holiday of summer—the twenty-fourth of May—we cannot help but agree with Council in their decision against having it as a civic holiday in Acton. Not that we do not like a holiday and most especially that one that comes just as summer should be starting and it is the first time of year to get out-of-doors.

Under other than present circumstances we would be the first to oppose the taking away of the "twenty-fourth" holiday. Whether all do realize it or not Canada is at war. Products of our fields and factories are needed on every war front! Stoppage of production across the Dominion for a day means curtailment of needed supplies. Our government is faced with this problem and has proclaimed only six legal holidays this year. Those who urge and believe in an all-out war effort see the consistency of this plan. On the fighting front there are no legal holidays.

It is rather remarkable to notice that in many cities and towns the day has been proclaimed a Civic holiday, and proclamations have been issued calling for observance of the day. Until we on the home front are prepared to abide by Dominion-wide rulings affecting statutory holidays there is little consistency in our clamor for more war fronts. This is no time for a division on our war effort. After Victory has come we can again observe with all the tradition imaginable that grand holiday, the twenty-fourth of May. If Victory doesn't come Hitler's birthday will be observed whether we like it or not,

or whether it comes at the right time of year. We do not say it's disloyal to observe Victoria Day this year, but proclaiming it as Civic holiday can hardly be termed co-operative in the war effort.

Keep This Field Clean

Under the heading of "No Place for Party Politics," The Financial Post makes this very apt comment.

"The increasingly evident tendency to introduce party politics into municipal elections draws some pungent criticism in the 1943 Year Book of the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada which observes: 'There is no Liberal or Conservative or C.C.F. or Social Credit way of paving a sidewalk, building a highway, constructing a dam, laying a sewer or constructing a city hall or parliament buildings.'

"As pointed out by the Citizens' Research Institute, good local government is almost entirely a matter of good administration. While there may be honest differences of opinion as to what constitutes good administration, such disputes need have no political overtones. The municipal field offers a useful training ground for those who wish to serve in a bigger political sphere, but the intrusion of party politics into municipal affairs would mean an expansion of the powers of party machines that would lead to grave abuse."

Wartime Housecleaning

In these days when salvage is so much in demand and when the ordinary course of the season demands a discarding and clearing away, generally known as housecleaning, we are like others who get the urge. Some way or other we never seem to get very far and the war has a good deal to do with it. We have one corner of the desk that is fairly well piled with Victory Loan material. We call it the current events corner because we always aim to have everything relative to the campaign or subject that is current in the community, stacked in that corner.

That's worked all right until now. Before we just filed the other material from that corner into some other section and now the sections are full. When we toss some new material to its proper section it doesn't always stay there. We have war directives, stacks of House of Commons debates, articles from many pens on how to win the war and what to do when it is won. We have addresses by the Prime Ministers and others who would be.

The problem grows each time we discard a few extra baskets full of this fine material. Here we are with all these directions for Victory, how to eat, what we can't get, what Canada is doing and what Canada should be doing. How can an editor houseclean even if one had the time until after the war is over. Every time the material refuses to stay in place we sincerely wish the day would soon come when that big bonfire could be kindled.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"The most important thing to see to after this war is won is that we never have another."—Lord Halifax.

Even if it isn't a holiday the 24th of May can still be considered early enough to take the first dip in swimming.

Beer rationing came into effect this week. Unlike your gasoline ration book the one for beer does not cost a dollar.

It's an ill wind that blows no one good. The backward season gave the dogs an extra two weeks of liberty but the last day was May 15th.

It is quite evident that those who supported the slogan "No beer no bonds," weren't the bond buyers of Canada anyway. Most folks can't buy both in big quantities.

Victory gardens are much the same as what used to be commonly known as the family garden. They are no novelty to those who never gave up that plan of helping the family budget.

Ontario has a new premier, Hon. Harry C. Nixon, and it seems the general wish of most folks that he will carry on for the present without the need of an election. He was the popular choice of a big convention anyway.

"We have been saved by the blunders of our enemies. Our blunders stand out like the peaks of the Grampian Mountains, but the blunders of the Germans stand out like the peaks of the Himalayas."—Lord Strabolgi, in the House of Lords.

To Nassagaweya Township goes Halton honors in this Victory Loan. With a quota double that of the Third Loan that community was the first to come through and finish its job. It's not the first time this township has lead the way. From what we know it will not be the last. Congratulations to Chairman W. Vansickle and his committee from this neighbor.

The Week at OTTAWA

Specialty Written for
The Acton Free Press
BY DOUGLAS GREEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Officials here are confident that Canada's farmers will more than meet the challenge of the times facing them despite labor and other difficulties. The annual survey of farmer's intentions, says the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, indicates that the program mapped out April 30 by agriculturists, if carried through, exceeded the 1943 objectives recommended at the Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference held here last December.

It was suggested at the conference that wheat acreage be further reduced and more essential war crops seeded on the land taken out of wheat; that oats and barley acreage be increased by about 12 per cent. over the 1942 level, and that the acreage in forage crops be increased by 17 per cent. in alfalfa and eight per cent. in hay and clover.

The D. B. S. reports that the April 30 survey points to an increase of 13 per cent. in oats acreage and 16 per cent. in barley acreage. However, farmers are warned that the current and prospective demand for livestock and poultry products is so heavy that North America's immense harvest of 1942, which seemed to have provided ample feed for a long time ahead, now looks less impressive as the growing animal population eats its way into the stock piles.

United States Demand
Though the total supply of wheat and other grains still is large in Canada and the United States, food crops will be needed in 1943, at the present rate of disappearance, to ensure a margin of safety for the food production program projected for 1944.

United States growers have sold so much wheat for animal feed in the past six months, from a surplus once described as "colossal," that the United States government has entered the Canadian market for additional supplies, and so far has purchased 7,250,000 bushels.

It is considered likely that this demand will continue, but the amount of wheat purchased from Canada by American authorities in future will depend largely upon the availability of transportation equipment.

Following out the recommendation that oats acreage be increased, Trade Minister MacKinnon has announced that the oats quota restriction has been removed at 576 delivery points. The maximum wheat delivery quota also is becoming raised from 14 to 15 bushels an authorized acre.

Training Takes Time
Indication that national selective service authorities attach importance to the length of time required to train workers for skilled trades was given in the announcement from Vancouver that experienced loggers and miners now working in British Columbia shipyards were being transferred to their former occupations.

Selective Service Director, Arthur MacNamara said here that the training of skilled woodmen and miners takes longer than the instruction required to fit men for shipyard employment and, because of the shortage of loggers and miners, particularly coal miners with experience, men who followed these trades before taking up shipyard work were being transferred.

In the early days of the present year, logging operators in British Columbia complained that men were leaving their camps in the hope of obtaining employment in shipyards at higher pay, and doing so even when there was no immediate prospect of such work for them.

Now the government has moved to remedy this situation, and one effect of the transfer has been that Pacific coast shipyards now are advertising with the approval of Selective Service, for skilled shipwrights from the Prairie Provinces.

Selective Service authorities are expected to continue to use the yardstick of training time in allocating workers to other than their present occupations under subsequent orders-in-council designed to overcome serious shortages of labor in high priority industries.

VIOLATED DAIRY ACT

Recently in the Montreal Police Court, Jos. Lavioie, proprietor of the Cremerie Moderne, Engr., 2229 Mount Royal Street, E., Montreal, was fined \$50 and costs for a violation of clause 28 of the regulations under part two of the Dairy Industry Act. In this case, the firm had in its possession for sale creamery print butter weighing less than the required net weight of one pound.

The charges were laid by officers of the Dairy Products Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture.

HOW Your Dollars GO TO WAR



Avoid Week Ends

Please leave more seats for Active Service Forces on leave and for war workers who want to visit the folks at home.

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Girls "Co-Operate" A Boarding-House It's Big Success

Warime Workers from East in West Coast Port Find Solution to Living Problems in Mutual Help System

BY KATHLEEN REK
Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER, (CP)—Boarding-house girls here on wartime jobs from a score of cities and towns in Canada's nine provinces have found a new and cheaper way to live. In this Pacific port right now it's the smart and popular thing to be a "co-op" dweller.

More than a year ago Mrs. Lavinia E. Jamieson, C.C.F. member for Vancouver Centre in the B.C. legislature, put a pet theory to work and the first co-operative boarding-house was born. To-day no less than four Co-op houses are flourishing in the city.

They're helping solve Vancouver's problem and incidentally making homes for the school girl, the stenographer, the war-worker—strangers at the Coast looking for a touch of home life and not at too high a price. A girl can live in the "co-op" for \$25 a month. Nor does this mean she has only one room to call her own. The house is hers from basement to attic.

Cook by Turns
Dinner was cooking when I visited the "third house," the savory odor of tasty food swept up from the kitchen. "The girls take turns being cook," said Jean Webster, who is the moving spirit of the third house and also general treasurer of the entire set-up. "Those who can't cook soon learn by helping someone who can."

Every month a house manager and assistant house manager are appointed by the girls. This committee buys the necessary food from the co-operative store, pays the bills and plans the work program for the month, allocating certain jobs to each girl.

TO REINFORCE POLICE

LONDON, (CP)—Another war job for women has become available in Britain. More than 800 women are needed to man regular police beats as well as to bolster the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps.

THE DOMINANT DISTAFF

He shall be called Jenkins—because that was his name. A South African of English birth, he was the proprietor of a large wholesale hardware business in Johannesburg. Despite his ancestry his particular buddy was a Boer general, Piet Arnoldus Cronje, whose redoubtable exploits in the South African war were disastrous to the British general, Sir Redvers Buller, and his army.

The close friendship between Jenkins (who, before his death, enjoyed telling this tale), and the valiant Cronje survived the war, and in the days of peace which followed they spent many a quiet evening together discussing old times and slipping neat Dutch gin—a dark brown liquor of such potency as to spell sudden misfortune for any but the bravest.

As long as the two old cronies did not keep these convivial sessions going until too late in the wee small hours, all was well. Otherwise a muffled flap, flap of bedroom slippers would be heard from the stairway, followed shortly by the entrance into the room of Madam Cronje in boudoir cap and long white nightgown. With her candlestick in one hand she would approach her husband wordlessly, raise him out of his chair by grasping his ear with her other hand, and lead the erstwhile fearsome old warrior to the foot of the staircase.

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Daily, except Sunday 9:49 a.m.
Sunday only 8:10 p.m.
Flyer, at Georgetown 9:24 p.m.
Flyer, at Guelph 8:55 a.m.

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.

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Eastbound
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Westbound
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WEST INDIES EDUCATION
In British Guiana, a group of 12 schools has been chosen as a demonstration area for educational improvements, centre of a new teacher-training project and introduction of practical subjects into school's timetables in the West Indies.