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EDITORIAL

We Can't Stop Pumping Now

At the beginning of the century, two persons were needed to play a pipe-organ. The organist was at the key-board and someone else was at the pump handle. And all the years of practise, all the skill of the musician's fingers came to naught when the man at the pump stopped pumping.

In Europe to-day, thousands of Canadians are playing a different kind of music. They are playing it well with cannon and guns. Their performance is a thrill for a listening world, a display of masterful technique developed through years of hard practice. Just as the organist of olden days depended on the youth at the pump, our troops depend on us at home to keep them going.

Victory Loans, successfully conducted during the past three years, have been vital to the training of our armed forces. But they are not enough. One hour's pumping of the old organ could not keep the organist playing for one hour and a quarter. Similarly, just so long as the Canadian invasion forces are playing their part on European soil we must do ours here. We can't stop pumping now.

Pleased, Surprised, Hopeful!

We were pleased indeed last week to read of the resolution passed by County Council urging that the Department of Highways give immediate attention to No. 25 and that the resolution also urged that the attention be regular and sufficient to keep the road in passable condition.

We were agreeably surprised to meet a nice bright yellow vehicle on the road the day after the resolution was passed, steadily at work putting the road in condition. The nice big yellow maintainer, kept plugging away and by Saturday there was a decided improvement. What a relief, and our sincere thanks coupled with others who use this section, to whatever body put that machine to work. It didn't take long and three days work of a maintainer couldn't have been very expensive.

We do hope the latter part of the resolution will be carried into effect as well as the first part, and that until the highway can be surfaced we will meet that yellow vehicle on the route often between Acton and Milton.

Men of Peace—and War

While the heroic deeds of fighting men overseas fill the columns in our newspapers, let us not forget the parson in uniform. The self-sacrifice and gallantry of Canadian chaplains at Dieppe, in Sicily and in Italy deserve the highest commendation.

Paradoxically, these "men of peace" have been found where the going is toughest, serving in a manner that has brought sincere praise, not only from high-ranking officers, but also from those whose praise the padres value most—the men in the ranks.

In a recent dispatch from Italy, Douglas Amaron Canadian Press war correspondent, wrote: "Chaplains and soldiers march side by side in a fellowship and friendship that grows every day. The chaplain is an integral, almost vital, part of every army formation and without him the men who carry the guns would feel lost. . . . The chaplain is the bridge between the inhumanity of war and the humanity of civilization. He is the human being in the machinery of militarism."

Several padres have won decorations for gallantry under fire and have medals were awarded for unflinching devotion to a cause that seeks only to put Christian principles into practice there would be few unqualified for the honor.

Chaplains of the fighting forces left the peace of Canadian cities, towns and villages to undertake a service in which the preaching of sermons is a minor consideration. They live the lives of soldiers, ministering not only to the spiritual and the physical

wants of their fellows, but also sharing in their personal problems.

The chaplains deserve well of Canada and of the churches they represent. At the war's end their knowledge of the soldier and his peacetime aspirations should be used to the utmost in smoothing the transition period of demobilization and rehabilitation.

Ontario Municipalities Cut Debt

The annual report of municipal statistics of 1942, issued by the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs, together with an estimate made by the Department for the Financial Post, shows that Ontario municipalities since the peak year of debt—1932—had cut their gross debt 44.7% by the end of 1943.

It shows that in the ten-year period following 1932, in which year gross debt amounted to \$504.7 millions, or \$155.82 per capita of assessed population, such debt was reduced to \$305.4 millions, or \$88.16 per capita, average annual reduction thus being \$6.76 per capita. The reduction in 1942 was \$29.0 millions, or \$9.41 per capita, and the reduction in 1943 is estimated at \$26.8 millions, or \$7.49 per capita. At December 31st, 1943, it is estimated, the total gross debt stood at \$278.7 millions, or \$77.98 per capita.

Assessed population reached 3,544,581 in 1942, an increase of 35,510, or slightly more than 1%, over 1941. The estimated assessed population of December 31st, 1943,—3,573,325—represents an increase of slightly more than 10% over 1932.

Assessed valuation in 1942 increased 0.02% to \$3,013 millions. This amounted to \$850 per capita as compared with \$851 in 1941. Estimated increase for 1943 is \$80.6 millions, the year-end figure being calculated at \$3,094 millions.

Tax levies in 1942 decreased by \$1.0 millions to \$110.3 millions, or 1.76% below the 1941 figure, the levy on a per capita basis being \$31.11. Tax levies are estimated to have been \$111.2 millions in 1943, though the per capita figure, due to population increase, remains unchanged at \$31.11.

The 1942 tax collections, the report shows, amounted to \$115.3 millions, representing 104.6% of current levy, of which 90.9% was of current taxes and 13.7% arrears, compared with \$119.0 millions in 1941 which represented 88.0% current and 17.3% arrears.

Pretty Pictures?

During recent months there has been talk of a program of temperance education in Canada, and in a recent issue of Saturday Night we read an account of a program of this kind in Russia, which is of interest. Russia, as everybody knows, is not, and never has been, a total abstinence country; like most northern lands, a good deal of hard drinking goes on there. The government does not mind so long as drunkenness is kept in check. But if a man or woman seems to be drinking too much, he is likely to receive a tract with his next bottle, in which the dangers and evils of drunkenness are pointed out to him in a reasonable manner. If that does not work someone, it is not explained who, takes a picture of him next time he is drunk, and this is placed, without comment, on the notice board of the place where he works. Presumably his fellow workers look at the picture and jeer. This system is said to work well.

We have never heard of derision curing a man of over-indulgence in anything, but the Russians may be particularly sensitive in these matters. The fact that the temperance teaching is rooted in common sense rather than in moralism may, however, have a good deal to do with its success.—Peterborough Examiner.

To add to the confusion of getting more production with less help available, the Provincial government plans to inaugurate a maximum eight-hour working day for Ontario on July 1st. We know a number of heads of manufacturing institutions who would be delighted to get classed in such hours, but they didn't reach their position by limiting their hours of labor to any set measure, but rather to the need of the day. If everyone sticks to the new rule Canada's war effort won't be maximum.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If you have the time and you think that spring is really here you can go fishing on Saturday instead of waiting until Monday.

When the Victory Loan salesman calls just ask yourself if you are putting victory first, when you decide on the size of purchase. Let your conscience be your guide.

Toronto has made quite a fuss over the curfew law. Some of the smaller municipalities have had it operating for some time without nearly as much ado and found it helpful too.

Speaking to school pupils at the County Council dinner last week, Crown Attorney Dick gave some fine advice to young Canadians when he said "Never take anything that doesn't belong to you." That same week Mr. Coldwell urged older boys and girls to take over insurance companies. Not such sound advice, but it's remarkable how it appeals to those who aren't policy holders in the insurance companies or don't own much of anything. Is juvenile delinquency our problem or bad adult example the thing we should tackle?

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