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EDITORIAL

First Step To Victory

The invasion on the European west coast went better than anyone had a right to expect. It has been officially reported that casualties were much lighter than anticipated. A foothold had been gained on a long stretch of the French coast between Cherbourg and Le Havre and the first stage of the liberation of the continent has been successfully accomplished.

But the fact the invasion at the start went better than expected has one disadvantage—there may be a tendency in some quarters to accept it as an indication that the defeat of Germany is going to be easy; that the war may end soon.

It should be emphasized (as leaders of the United Nations have emphasized many times in recent days) that the present is no time to relax. The job of crushing Germany and her European satellites has barely begun. And after that job is completed, there still is Japan to deal with, and Japan is a dangerous enemy.

Take a look at the map of Europe. In the southwest corner, Spain and Portugal are neutral. The Allies hold a narrow strip along the French coast. Sweden and Switzerland are neutral. The Allies have liberated southern Italy. Russia has hammered a bulge into eastern Rumania and Poland. The rest of Europe is German-held!

The war in Italy has become more or less secondary news since the invasion from the west began; but the length of time it took to liberate the southern section of the Italian peninsula should be remembered. The area freed is only a drop in the bucket.

A whole continent, virtually, must be overrun by the United Nations before the war in Europe ends. The men who should know what lies ahead are men like Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Their words should carry weight in any estimation of the war prospects. Remember them when anyone argues the war in Europe may be easy.

Mr. Churchill: "The battle which has now begun will grow constantly in scale and in intensity for many weeks to come . . ."

Mr. Roosevelt: "Let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail . . ."

Mr. King: "The fighting is certain to be bitter and costly. We must not expect early results. We should be prepared for local reverses as well as our successes."

Many Hands Needed

With prospects of a bumper crop on the farms in this district it is well that attention at the moment is being focused on plans to harvest the crop and do other work essential to securing full advantage of the bounty of Providence. Victory gardens are essential and are filling an important part.

If you have a victory garden you will appreciate what a seasonal job the farmer has. From seed time to harvest there is little time for relaxation and our Canadian weather makes it imperative that not a moment be lost in this period. Farmers cannot maintain a staff the year round to look after this peak season and sell foodstuffs at present levels.

Under ordinary conditions a surplus of labor takes care of this peak season. In the present emergency we all know that there is no labor surplus. That is why it is important that everyone who can spare an evening or a holiday or any time can lend a hand in the farming district and should register now.

The past few seasons have witnessed good work done by these volunteers. The need to-day is more urgent than ever. Plan to lend a hand on the farm this season. "Many hands make light work," runs the old proverb.

Aye, Ready

"An arresting headline in the Financial Post last week was "Are we ready for the Coming Peace?" How many ways could that be answered. We say by just as many ways as there are diversified interests.

For the mothers, wives, fathers, sweethearts, and brothers and sisters of loved ones in the armed forces the answer would be an emphatic yes. To these the days of post-war plans and the great future are so interlocked with their safe return that little else matters. Without them there seems no future.

But of course a business paper was looking at the present plans laid for business getting back into a stride of peace time employment. It was thinking of the plans necessary in order that the change-over from war to peace will not be as cumbersome or slow as our change from peace to a war program.

Which is the most important? After nearly five years of struggle we think the tumultuous answer will be that we are ready for the peace—a peace that will be lasting; a post war plan that will not breed in business and man the elements that make for war; a tolerance of our fellow man and other nations that will enjoy a sharing of the good things of life with each other and not a frantic greed for more than our share or that we can use wisely. A peace that is lasting and worth living to enjoy. Speed is not as essential as durability.

No Evidence of Marked Ability

Those who hope of better administration of the liquor business in Ontario under the government headed by Premier Drew have little cause for elation from the published figures. According to the Liquor Control Board statement there were in January 1943 a total of 155,295 permits in the Province for the purchase of liquor. In March 1944 this has been increased to 1,282,938 permits. Over eight times as many in fifteen months.

Ontario's population according to the 1941 census was 3,787,655. Of this number approximately 400,000 are under the age required to purchase a permit. It means that a permit has been issued for every third person in the province. One man was recently prosecuted for having 63 liquor permits. Maybe there are some limits.

The correspondence tabled on the matter by the Dominion and Provincial governments leads one to infer that the attitude of the Ontario government is that as long as there is plenty of liquor made it should be put into circulation regardless of the effect on Canadian workmen and the war effort.

Premier Drew is greatly concerned about Quebec and Dominion affairs. A lot of folks in Ontario are concerned about Ontario affairs. They would like to know what Premier Drew's government is doing to stamp out the illegal permits. They would like to know what control the Liquor Control Board exercises in these war days. They would like to see a little more evidence of the Ontario government's ability to accept the responsibility it now has before it is given any more. They feel that if our provincial government had done its duty the Dominion restrictions would not have been necessary.

Many people will commend the action of the Dominion government in refusing to remove the restrictions on a traffic let so badly out of control by the Provincial government. Many folks will remember the attitude of the Provincial government when industry was suffering from the flood of intoxicating beverages and a deaf ear was turned to all pleadings for moderate control. Most Canadians realize that Canada's contribution to winning the war must come first, even if those in authority in provincial affairs do not give evidence of a similar realization and prefer to play politics.

Premier Drew lost points in the exchange in a week. His slipping is accelerating to almost the speed of the individual he endeavors to model—Mitch Hepburn.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Never was there better indication of good crops than are promised this year. Arranging to harvest them is the next problem.

"Only man knows that things are getting worse. The birds wake up and sing every morning, and the animals begin anew with each rising sun."—Chas. F. Kettering.

"It would take all of 10,000 architects in private practice five years to prepare plans for reinstating the bomb-damaged buildings of London."—Walter O. Hudson, secretary Institute of Registered Architects, London.

The four-year Nazi occupation of Holland has cost that country \$7.6 billion, a sum about equal to what Canadians have invested in Victory Loans to keep the enemy from our shores. And we will get our money back, which is more than the Dutch will do.—Chesley Enterprise.

The C. C. F. predicts 30 to 45 seats out of 52 in the Saskatchewan elections. Certainly nothing new in predictions like that. Every party since we can remember used such tactics. The Ontario Leader, Ted Jolliffe, made the above prediction "after only a few days in the province."

R. C. GROWERS EXPECT AVERAGE FRUIT CROP

KELOWNA, B. C. (CP) — Fruit growers in the central Okanagan are revising their estimates of a large apple crop this year which arose from the heavy blossoms in most orchards in the area. In many cases the set has been from fair to poor and thinning will not be the problem which was expected.

In some orchards growers thinned their blossoms and now wish they had not. The set is not so light as to seriously affect the yield but it will result in only an average crop and not a record one as was first expected.

In the south the cherry set is reported as poor in some areas, and will not reach expectations. Apples have also set poorly in Penticton.

Veinon growers report that it is still too early to estimate their apple prospects. The peach yield will also be down this year owing to winter injury of two years ago.

PRICE CONTROL RIDES THE RAILS

It's a handy thing to remember when travelling that there are just certain prices the train vendor is permitted to charge for his wares. These prices have been set by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Here's a partial list of the more popular items. It would be a good idea to clip these prices for that next train trip. Sandwiches, 15 cents each; gum, 6 cents a package; chocolate bars and candy bars, 9 cents each, 2 for 17 cents or 3 for 25 cents; peanuts, 5 and 10 cent packages; epa-drinks, 10 cents a bottle; tea and coffee, 10 cents; hot dogs, 10 cents; milk, plain or chocolate, 10 cents a sealed container; ice cream cones, 5 cents each, apples 5 and oranges 10 cents each. These prices have been set for the purpose of safeguarding living costs and keeping them down to a reasonable wartime level.

NFL'D. PILOT SEES LANDINGS



Flight Lieutenant William K. Carr of Grand Bank, Newfoundland, a reconnaissance Spitfire pilot, who described the first Allied landings in the Anzio-Nottuno area south of Rome on January 22 as "a mass pleasure cruise."

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Daily, except Sunday	7:48 p.m.
Monday, only	12:08 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	1:14 a.m.
Flyer, at Georgetown, daily except Sat. and Sun.	6:35 p.m.
Flyer, at Guelph, daily except Sat. and Sun.	7:13 p.m.

Going East

Daily, except Sunday	6:49 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	9:56 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	6:50 p.m.
Sunday, only	8:19 p.m.
Flyer, daily, Georgetown	9:25 p.m.
Flyer, daily, at Guelph	8:59 p.m.

GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Eastbound

6:46 a.m.; 9:16 a.m.; 2:06 p.m.; 6:28 p.m.; 9:16 p.m.; 9:51 p.m.
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10:53 a.m.; 2:28 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 7:33 p.m.; 8:38 p.m.; 11:28 p.m.
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