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EDITORIAL

Progressive Leadership
 Council news in recent issues of the FREE PRESS gives the information that Acton Council has taken the initial steps with a view to the installation of a sewage system in Acton. The final chapter to that news may be written in the next year or so or it may be delayed for many years. That will be decided by the ratepayers alone. But there is great significance in the Council news of the past two weeks.

Twenty-five years ago the Council of that time made a similar important decision with the result that waterworks were installed here. Looking back over the years there are few who will say the decision to go ahead with progressive measures was not a wise one. But the waterworks had considerable opposition a quarter century ago and its first years were trying ones and filled with many difficulties.

Looking back in more recent years most folks can recall the opposition to having a garbage collection system inaugurated in Acton. We doubt if today many would want this convenience removed.

Details of procedure in the latest proposed advancement of sewage disposal will come along from time to time. It will cost money to the taxpayers—how much will not be known until plans are formulated. It will create disturbance and inconvenience and quite likely mistakes will be made that wise folks will tell how they could have been avoided (several years later). The final approval will be one for all ratepayers. That is the democratic way of doing things in this country. Only the initial step has been taken and Council has given the leadership that any progressive community must have.

A Dangerous Guessing Contest

The probable date when cease fire will sound in Europe is important to us because almost every one in this country has a vital interest in the ending of hostilities. Given the approximate date, families of men overseas can begin to estimate the time which must elapse before they receive their loved ones back home again. Labor has an additional interest in the date, in planning for the transition period overlapping war production and the new production of peace time goods. Business men, who must plot the future of their establishments with great care are especially keen to have some one give them an approximate date of the conclusion of hostilities in Europe.

Thus, when at various times Mr. Churchill, General Eisenhower, General Montgomery, Admiral Halsey and others have attempted to give the public an idea of the length of time it would take to finish up the military campaign, their words have been read avidly.

But in the wake of such statements there has been a wave of other predictions from ten thousand minor and less informed circles. Especially since "D" Day, almost every man in the street has been taking a guess at the date of "V" Day.

All of this might be harmless, were it not for the psychological effect that the contest has on people at large. For one thing, many are led into the belief that the war is almost over and that the time has come for some relaxation at home. Further, when the war keeps its furious pace for weeks after "V" Day dates previously predicted, the morale of many people is unsettled.

In these crucial days preceding the final knock-out, Canadians at home may again take their cue from Canadians at the battle fronts. Over there none marks time, waiting for Germany to collapse. They are all on their toes, fighting as energetically as at any previous period of the war. Over here our duty seems just as clear cut—a duty which calls us to work as hard as we have ever worked before, and to keep our production lines as vigorous as they have ever been before—through the purchase of Victory Loan bonds.

Trade Requires Buyers and Sellers

It has always been a puzzling question what caused the last depression. We know, in Canada, that we were bound to have a depression in some lines of business because we had a series of droughts and because the foreign market for our wheat fell to very low levels. However, anyone who remembers the depression at all clearly will realize that we had more depression than even these serious factors can justify.

To listen to one school of thought, we might get the impression that all the business men in the country got together to put everyone out of work, in order to bring wages down and profits up. If they did that, they did not succeed very well, for all that they accomplished was to put people out of work. Wages did not fall and profits simply vanished.

Another school of thought is that the whole trouble was that the purchasing power of the people vanished, and, when we look around at the great unemployment in the country, shrinking of profits in business, and all the other symptoms of hard times, it would be useless to deny that the purchasing power of the people did not go down very heavily. National income fell to very low levels.

However, there is something wrong with this theory. It explains what happened, but it does not say why it happened. Men were employed up to the time when they lost their jobs. Their purchasing power did diminish when they lost their jobs, but it was the losing of their jobs which caused the purchasing power to fall. The purchasing power did not fall first and the jobs got lost afterwards. As a matter of fact, it has been estimated that the purchasing power in the form of savings, was at least \$6 billion at the depth of the depression.

The plain fact, what seemed to make the depression very bad was that people stopped buying and that is something which we might keep in mind when the government is going to stop buying very soon and prosperity or depression will depend on whether the ordinary citizen and those who have in these years accumulated extra purchasing power start buying.

There will be lots of reserve purchasing power for Canada when the government begins to close war factories. It is true that the public debt is very high, but, as Mr. Towers has pointed out, this debt is all owned by Canadians. That means that the \$10 billion which the war has cost is actually now in the hands of Canadians and can be used to start buying useful things and start employment as soon as peace is here.

What remains is to discover whether the people will buy the goods which they want at the prices which prevail now. If they will, and they can, business will pick up rapidly after the end of the war spending by the government. If the people of Canada do not want to buy at the existing price levels, or those which are established at the end of the war, then they will not buy, factories will close down and we shall have a depression.

These are things which might be kept in mind in the period after the conclusion of hostilities, for they remind us that full employment in Canada is not something which can be arranged by governments or brought about by big business. If you want to know what the outlook is for employment, just go and ask the storekeepers of the town what they think of the prospect of selling large quantities of goods when they can get them at the prices which they expect to have to charge. You will get a lot more practical information in that way than by reading all the books on economics which are written.

EDITORIAL NOTES

You can shop early for Christmas if you decide to make it Victory Year and buy bonds for gifts when they go on sale next week.

Mighty glad we missed the snowfall the other morning. Some way or other the coming of winter hasn't the thrills it used to provide.

Auction sales of farm stock have been very numerous in this district for some months. It is fortunate that in most cases those who are quitting farming are being succeeded by another farmer.

With the acute shortage of houses real estate prices are getting a new ceiling. As one chap who has to move shortly put it to us, "It's not the value you have to consider, but where you are going to get a roof over your head."

Wartime scarcities has taught many of us that some of the things we used are really non-essential. For instance we have found that cigars are not at all necessary. A few weeks of wartime scarcity did what our better half failed to accomplish in years.

Starting last week a series of advertisements are being published in the press including your local newspaper, which are of immediate importance for they deal wholly with plans for the re-establishment of men and women in the armed services when this war is over. The aim is to inform Canadians of these plans. We suggest that you clip them each week for reference when a relative or friend comes back from overseas. They pack in a lot of valuable information for everyone.

A PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE LETTER

(Continued)
 TO THE CITIZENS OF HALTON:

If politics interferes with your right and mine to display individual initiative, that, amongst free men, is an intrusion by politics and we have the right and the duty to combat that intrusion—the spirit of competition must continue to be one of our main driving forces. Our Platform must be based on reason and rational reform. We must vigorously protest against being overridden by Orders-in-Council and regulations by Boards and Commissions who have had no responsibility to Parliament or people.

The interests of organized labour and the farmer must be increasingly recognized in the Nation's economy and the Nation's income must be more fairly allocated. Class hatred, distrust and prejudice are dangerous to the future of Canada, and can only be corrected by removing the cause. These great problems can only be solved by properly qualified Leaders. These are the men we must search for in every Riding in our Country.

—Issued By—
 The Progressive Conservative Association, Halton County
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NEW LAKE STEAMERS WINDSOR (CP)—Two new passenger steamers expected to cost some \$2,000,000 each, will be placed in operation on the Great Lakes by Canadian Steamship Lines as soon as delivery can be made.	POST-WAR HIGHWAYS HALIFAX (CP)—Premier A. S. MacMillan announced Nova Scotia will embark on a program of bigger and better highways after the war, a plan which should give considerable employment in post-war years.
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 Special — Aylmer
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 Peter Pan Puffed
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 Aylmer Choice
TOMATOES 1/2 lb. 12c
 Choice Aylmer
PEACHES 20-oz. Tin 17c
 Choice Aylmer Golden
CORN NEW PACK 2 20-oz. Tins 25c

Paper Shell
PECANS 1/2 lb. 45c
 Golden Tip
TEA 1/2 lb. 44c
 Cut Mixed
PEEL 1/2 lb. 16c
 Grower's Maple
SYRUP 12-oz. Field 31c

Floor Wax —
Hawes 1-lb. 45c 2-lb. 83c
 Silver Polish —
SILVO 1/2 lb. 13c, 22c
 Cashmere Emment Toilet
SOAP 2 cakes 11c
 O'Carroll Furniture
POLISH 1/2 lb. 23c

We reserve the right to limit quantities of all merchandise.
HIGHLAND NO. 1 COOKING ONIONS 19c
 5 lbs. for
FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT, Size 96 21c
 3 for
FRESH CARROTS 10c
 3 lbs. for
NO. 1 POTATOES 25c
 10 lbs. for
 Fruit and vegetable prices subject to market fluctuations.

Coupons to use October 19th
 SUGAR 7¢ to 10¢ — 14¢ to 43¢ PRESERVES — 1 to 30¢
 BUTTER — 7¢ to 31¢

Business Directory

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 Physician and Surgeon
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 Office in Symon Block, Mill Street, Acton
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DR. WM. G. CULLEN, L.M.C.C.
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DR. HUGH S. AUSTIN
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 Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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 Office Hours—Acton, Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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 Saturday only 2:29 p.m.
 Daily, except Sunday 7:48 p.m.
 Monday, only 12:08 a.m.
 Daily, except Sunday 1:24 a.m.
 Flyer, at Georgetown, daily except Sat. and Sun. 6:35 p.m.
 Flyer, at Guelph, daily except Sat. and Sun. 7:12 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.; 6:26 p.m.; 9:16 p.m.; 9:51 p.m.
 Westbound
 7:03 a.m.; 9:33 p.m.; 11:28 p.m.
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