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EDITORIAL

A Job for All

One horse can move a wagon. Two horses will move a dray. A million horses can move a mountain.

One Canadian soldier can wipe out an enemy machine gun nest. Ten Canadian soldiers may capture an enemy outpost.

The Good and the Bad

It isn't long since retail stores felt it compulsory to keep open long hours to get a share of the trade to maintain the establishment.

There are many wartime restrictions that might well be discarded at the earliest possible moment, but there are likewise many changes brought about by the emergencies of war that will be well to retain in the days of peacetime.

Wartime Incongruities

Glimpses of life in Europe's oppressed countries are filtering into Canada as Allied armies steadily but surely bring about the liberation of these lands from German domination.

The sympathy engendered by these accounts should in no way be tempered by reports of factional strife in these countries, of gay and protracted liberation celebrations, of crowds at race meetings and of the latest Parisian fashions.

On this side of the Atlantic we have been engrossed with the broad aspects of war—of German and Allied offensives and withdrawals, the effects of the German air blitz on Britain, the atrocities in Poland and Greece and the Nazi persecution of the Jews.

Every picture has its light as well as its shade and a little thought puts the incongruities of war in their proper perspective.

But behind it all lies the fact that the warring and pillaged countries cannot fully recover without the help that only the New World can give in abundance.

Where Does the Responsibility Belong?

We hear a great deal about indigent hospital patients at Council meetings and the burden added to those who pay taxes by those who have not the present ability to foot their own bills.

At the meeting of the Ontario Hospitals Association in Toronto recently a report presented showed that a survey of fifty hospitals made by a joint committee of the Ontario Hospital Association and the Department of Health had revealed the fact that the cost of caring for an indigent patient in a public ward exceeded by \$1.40 per diem the contribution made by the government and the municipality.

Dr. Fred W. Routley, secretary of the Association, pointed out that "These voluntary hospitals have to take revenue from the private patients, which should be used to extend the facilities of the hospitals to pay the difference in what is received for indigent patients and what their actual upkeep is."

A resolution was adopted by the Association asking that the care of indigent patients should be wholly paid out of public funds.

It seems no matter how it is done the citizen who can pay is the one who will foot the bill. In Montreal they have a tax on restaurant meals termed "Hospital Tax."

The Lost Chord

Seated to-night at the keyboard we find we are in the same position as last week, just a few inches short of completing these columns, but unlike the fellow who was one night seated at the keyboard of the organ and found the last chord we have other musings.

Unprintable expressions do not help in a case of that kind and just as we were content to leave the lost chord unfound we recalled that for over a quarter of a century that machine has been performing week in and week out, never failing our readers in producing the type for the paper.

When the Victory Loans have all gone over the top next week we'll likely write more than we have room for. Good night.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It's an old saying that winter won't set in until the swamps are full of water. We either have a long wet spell ahead of us or a long autumn—or maybe a dry freeze-up.

Whether it is Victory Loan or any other 'fort it takes the backing of every citizen in any community to have their town one of the top-notchers. When individuals or groups withhold their share of the effort the whole community suffers.

Sure the war news continues to be good. But the only kind of war news that should be satisfactory to every one is to see the finish of the mess and the boys come marching home. Then there may be an opportunity for some relaxation, but only then.

Victory Loan time is an opportunity for small investors to get into the money-lending group of influential citizens. Every bond purchased and retained builds up a bank of your own and makes you more independent. Buy an extra one this week or next.

Some folks are already asking when the sewers and sewage disposal system will be installed here. That is a question that every ratepayer will have an opportunity in deciding. If you favor progressive action don't be afraid to use your vote and your influence when the opportunity is presented.

Hallowe'en parties arranged for the young folks such as we have seen this year are a step in getting common sense into the generation and stopping the vandalism. Now if the old folks would only forget to recall the escapades of their days Hallowe'en might in a few years cease to be such a terror to the older generation.

A PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE LETTER

TO THE CITIZENS OF HALTON:

We have now arrived in this letter, which we have endeavored to make a reasonable and instructive approach, where we feel it should not be drawn out interminably.

We have named our Leader who, for character, experience and integrity and possessing a knowledge of the nation's need, must be given the utmost support by Progressive-Conservatives.

Signed The Progressive Conservative Association, Halton County

CANADIAN WOMEN PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

A powerful drive to maintain steady prices during the transition from war to peace is being prepared by Canadian women, Byrne Sanders, director of the Consumer Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, said in an interview last week.

"We remember that the worst part of the inflationary rise in connection with World War I took place during the first 18 months after the armistice," Miss Sanders stated.

"That must not happen this time. We must keep our dollar steady," declared Miss Sanders. "That is why the women of Canada are organizing themselves on the home front for the battle of the transition period."

GERMAN'S MIS-TIMED LEAFLETS

Only a few hours before the British offensive beyond Caen began the German's, during the darkness, showered over the Allied Lines leaflets addressed to the English.

"You are trapped! Your home bases have been destroyed and you are cut off from supplies. Why have you not heard from home? Because your families have been destroyed by V.I."

At dawn the "trapped Second Army went into battle grinning, with the German leaflets in their pockets as curios. And they have scarcely stopped since.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The marketing of Christmas trees this year will be more difficult than at any time during the war, it is anticipated, following the program of conservation of manpower, tires and gasoline.

There will be no special permits granted this year exempting truck drivers from existing regulations, according to an announcement by the Prices Board services administrator.

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