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**Getting the Symbols**

It does look as if Canadians would be no longer embarrassed when interrogated regarding their citizenship when they reply that they are "Canadian." No one objected or had anything but pride in referring to themselves as being a British subject. But generations have been born and raised in Canada and many of the young folk of to-day would find some difficulty in tracing their ancestry back to any country but Canada.

Naturally they feel they are Canadians and have some justifiable pride in acclaiming themselves as such. Then too, Canadians played a distinctive role in two world wars with other troops from other parts of the British Empire. They have become distinctly known as Canadians and it is only fitting that they should. It won't make Canadians any less British but it will take away some embarrassment often caused by a thoughtless answer when crossing the border.

The same argument is applicable to the adoption of a distinctive Canadian flag. Canada has grown to Nationhood and the years have proven it. There can be no harm in acclaiming by authentic symbols what all the world knows.

**Death - Dealing Souvenirs**

Tragedies that are doubly distressing because they are avoidable are following in the wake of war as veterans of the fighting in Europe bring weapons to their Canadian homes as souvenirs. Several persons have lost their lives and more will die or be maimed unless people can be taught that pistols, even the "unloaded" ones, are death-dealing.

The danger was emphasized dramatically in Eastern Ontario recently. An army officer returned to his home, bringing an automatic pistol, a trophy of fighting on the Continent. A careful father, he showed his 12-year-old son the automatic, pointed to a loaded cartridge clip in a drawer and explained it must never be touched.

Next day the boy stepped to a window to answer a chum's call and show him the automatic. A moment later his playmate was dead with a bullet through his head. Somehow a cartridge had reached the firing chamber.

There is another danger -- the souvenirs will fall into the hands of criminals. A police officer was wounded in Ottawa recently with a weapon stolen a few days before from a war museum.

Federal officials are considering tightening controls, but tragedies will continue as long as firearms are left within the reach of any except those most experienced in handling them. Boys who have been playing with toy guns for years will automatically point a real one. Inexperienced adults are never really certain there isn't a cartridge in an automatic pistol.

The law provides that revolvers and pistols must be registered each five years. This regulation does nothing to offset the dangers inherent in indiscriminate possession of firearms, but police find it valuable in tracing stolen guns. Even this regulation is not being kept. Of the 233,217 pistols and revolvers previously registered, only a third have been re-registered this year as the law provides.

The prudent person with a new souvenir of any sort of small-arm can insure himself against tragedy only by following the advice of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and turning it in to the police for destruction.

**What About the Promises?**

The Queen-Elizabeth brought home 12,000 overseas men, the Ile de France is bringing regular loads of happy re-unions and many smaller boats are doing the job we all prayed and hoped for six years would some day occur. The war is over and we are going back to peacetime pursuits.

For those returning we have taken the years of

youth planning of their lives. Now they have to fit themselves again into the work or new work in a peacetime world. That period of readjustment for them is a crucial time. When they were over there we promised to help them over this critical period. That promise can only be kept by buying Victory Bonds. We bought them to help bring Victory and more than ever they are needed to day to get Canadians fitted back into a peacetime world.

We promised to look after the loved ones of those who will not return. We promised to assist back to health all who came back wounded and maimed. Matter of fact, we were pined to promise most anything in some of those black days if the enemy would only be thrown back.

Well, what are we going to do now to fulfil these promises? The least we can do is buy more Victory Bonds in this Ninth Loan. Maybe you can't make a big subscription but be sure you make the biggest contribution you can. Don't let it be said that we failed in the final drive.

**Dare They Do It?**

We doubt the wisdom of members of Parliament raising their indemnity from \$4,000 to \$5,000. The probability is that the extra \$2,000 will be tax free.

There are no doubt a few reasons for the increase but there are many reasons against it, chief one being that Canadians must get down to earth on "big pay," whether it's "take home" or not. The time is rapidly approaching when "overhead costs" will make it difficult to sell goods, and a payroll out of line soon leads to the drying up of trade and the beginning of unemployment.

The allowance would go to all members of Parliament, which means, for instance, that Prime Minister Mackenzie King would receive a total income of \$23,000, made up of \$15,000 salary, \$4,000 sessional indemnity, \$2,000 car allowance and \$2,000 expense allowance. Cabinet ministers would draw \$10,000 salary, \$4,000 sessional indemnity, \$2,000 car allowance and \$2,000 expense allowance. Parliamentary assistants would receive \$4,000 salary, \$4,000 sessional indemnity and \$2,000 expense allowance. Senators would also come in for the increased pay. Altogether it would mean more than a million dollars a year. The Renfrew Mercury.

**The People's Peace**

The foreign ministers of the great powers that have worked together for victory have failed to reach an agreement in one of the first major attempts to bring settlement of post-war issues. The ordinary man well may ask, "What hope is there for peace?"

Failure of the conference in some of its major aspects was confirmed by State Secretary Byrnes of the United States in one of the most forthright discussions of international issues. "Peace must be based upon mutual understanding and mutual respect. It cannot be secured by procedural manoeuvrings which obscure from the people the real and vital issues upon which their peace depends," said Mr. Byrnes, who declared "it must be a people's peace."

There is hope, too, in the fact that Britain and the United States stood firm on the principles at stake, and did not yield so that they would be able to announce an "agreement" of expediency. There has been some advance at least from the spirit of Munich.

What is a people's peace? The British Prime Minister, Clement Atlee, stated the situation well in a recent speech to the Trade Union Congress in Blackpool, England. He said:

"Real peace in the world cannot be established by the force of great powers, however overwhelming. There must be a change of heart if peace is to be something better than an uneasy interval between wars. . . . A new world cannot be made by governments, but only by people."

And President Truman said recently, "Let us not fail to grasp this supreme chance . . . to create an enduring peace under the guidance of God."

These two great leaders of widely differing political and economic views, have pointed out this way of greater living. It is the change of heart that comes when we turn to God and find a new attitude toward others which results in wholesome and peaceful relationships. This change in our habits of feeling and thinking will not be easy. But as we learn this secret within our nation -- in home, industry and government -- we will contribute to the real "people's peace."

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

And this is November, with just two more months of 1945 remaining. The other ten months have witnessed some momentous happenings.

No one will object if we have two or three periods of Indian Summer. Especially pleased will be those who are building.

It comes as sort of a shock to learn that in Canada there are now 50,000 being paid unemployment insurance claims. That's 159 per cent. more than were receiving such claims in July.

Bracebridge recently voted upon and carried by a substantial majority a by-law which will provide for the election of councillors for a two year term with half to be elected each year. The Mayor will be elected each year.

AND THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOUGHSHARES

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Monday, only	12:08 a.m.
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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.
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Daily, except Sunday	6:50 p.m.
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x6:46 a.m.	67:46 a.m.	9:16 a.m.			
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x10:38 a.m.	11:43 a.m.	2:35 p.m.		
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