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**EDITORIAL**

**Under the Triple A**

Citizens from both town and district surrounding  
 must indeed have been proud of the showing in  
 Acton Arena on Friday evening when nearly a hundred  
 boys and men appeared in hockey uniforms as  
 active participants in the sport this winter. It's only  
 a start but there certainly is a word of praise due  
 the Acton Athletic Association for the fine start  
 made in a year when it was not even certain that  
 the Arena would be available.

All communities have been lax in developing active  
 participation in sport for all ages of the community.  
 There has often been too much attention paid to  
 the winning team and neglect of the other groups  
 from which local winning teams must come. We like  
 the spirit of the Acton Athletic Association in having  
 the stronger groups foster and help the young groups.  
 Friday night was more than Booster Night, it was  
 eye opener night. Sports can play an important part  
 in the community and when conducted co-operatively  
 by all the community under one head the community  
 as a whole can benefit by such work.

The Acton Athletic Association has made a fine start.  
 They deserve the encouragement of all in making  
 their activities year round and broadening their  
 scope. Acton has many splendid facilities for  
 community work among the young people. Co-operatively  
 used by all the community can be developed and we  
 can think of no better way to do it than under the  
 plan of the Triple A that has made such a fine start.

**As Others See Us**

In the account of the Fergus-Acton hockey game  
 in Acton last week the News-Record describes  
 Acton fans as "Ontario's wildest and most profane  
 hockey crowd." That covers a lot of territory  
 and we're quite free to point that the title is  
 only one man's opinion. But it's a title fans here  
 should be ashamed to have tacked on them. Not  
 having been in every hockey rink in the province  
 we are not prepared to argue to its truthfulness. But  
 we have been in a number of rinks in the province  
 in the past fifteen years and we do know there is  
 too much profanity among the fans in all of them.

We like to see crowds enthusiastic and even semi-  
 wild in their support of their team. But there is  
 nothing original or smart about profanity in any  
 sport. We always like to think of Acton fans being  
 as good sports off the ice as they expect their team  
 to be on the ice. Profanity is the most crude form  
 of team support. We hope Acton fans will continue  
 to wildly support their team and make a community  
 effort to show that they can do it without resorting  
 to profanity. It's more important to beat Fergus  
 in this than it is to win on the ice. Everybody likes  
 clean sport. Let's do our part in keeping it clean.

**Decentralization of Industry**

If this war has taught the manufacturers of this  
 continent anything, it is that the decentralization of  
 industry is no longer debatable, but urgent. An  
 example is what might have happened to the automot-  
 ive industry of this country if Japan or Germany  
 had succeeded in bombing the city of Detroit.

There are many difficulties in the way of scattering  
 industry in small plants all over the country, but  
 these difficulties must be overcome against the  
 possibility of another war which would bring with  
 it stratospheric bombing of this continent.

If the unions or the government is permitted to  
 establish a uniform nation-wide wage scale, it will  
 force many of the small town manufacturers out of  
 business. Manufacturing costs are made up of  
 material, labor and burden. These vary between the  
 rural and urban areas. Highly mechanized and  
 equipped urban plants operating on a large volume  
 basis, even though paying a high hourly wage, are

able to achieve a lower labor cost than the small  
 and more poorly equipped rural plants operating on  
 a low production basis.

Rents for factory employees are lower in rural  
 areas. The relations between employer and employ-  
 ee are better because they are more personal than  
 in the larger plants. But this very personal emotion  
 brings other problems.

Then, too, there are higher freight rates, higher  
 power costs and the fact that the rural manufactur-  
 er must of necessity train many of his men.

In spite of these advantages and disadvantages  
 it is evident to skilled economists and deep thinkers  
 that the time has gone for centralization of great  
 factories in large cities where one successful bomb-  
 ing run may wipe out an industry. It is also true  
 that when a large industry is decentralized, labor  
 troubles and housing problems are divided. The  
 Kiwanis Magazine.

**Nature's Challenge**

Canada's Muskoos expedition, now getting under  
 way in the north, is a timely reminder that the  
 frontier and the wilderness still exist; that nature  
 is still a challenge to the ingenuity, the endurance,  
 and the imagination of men.

A jet plane spans the continent in four hours,  
 in Toronto a business man picks up his telephone  
 and says "get me London, please"; a radar signal  
 bounces off the moon.

A visitor from Mars, reading of all this while  
 waiting to receive the press; or to go on the air with  
 a personal experience account of his trip to Earth,  
 might gain the impression that this planet is, after  
 all, but a backyard. He might easily come to believe,  
 that in some manner we have telescoped time and  
 space generally, that anyone can get in touch with  
 anyone else in a matter of minutes, that this earth  
 is just a hive of humming, flashing insects.

And how wrong he would be. The bush flier  
 takes the prospector to his destination in hours in-  
 stead of weeks. But the prospector still must spend  
 months alone in the mountains, seeking out the sig-  
 nificant strata, the ore-bearing vein. For no machine  
 can ever substitute, in the final show-down, for  
 muscle and patience, experience and instinct.

The wireless message can order the shipment of  
 20,000 tons of wheat. But only men can guide the  
 machines that sow and reap it, and carry it to an-  
 other continent. And only the sun and the earth  
 can make it grow and ripen.

The frontiers and the great spaces are still there  
 the sea and the desert and the wilderness. The  
 wireless and the plane are but the methods of com-  
 munication and transport that serve the men and  
 women who heed the call to probe their unknown  
 resources. They are incomparably faster than the  
 pony express, the covered wagon, the York boat and  
 the dogteam. But they do not change at all the  
 essential qualities of the virtually unknown lands,  
 if anything, they have merely enlarged the wilderness,  
 by bringing more of it within the reach of adventur-  
 ing man.

And they can never displace the personal quali-  
 ties of daring, caution, strength and patience it de-  
 mands of those who would live with it and learn its  
 lore.

**They Don't Throw Rice**

It is difficult for the average civilian on this  
 lucky continent to realize just how short is food  
 across the Atlantic. Perhaps this little story, from  
 the Northwestern Miller, may help.

Some time ago, in Ipswich, England, Lt. John  
 Holbauer of Milwaukee, Wis., wrote his parents of  
 his coming wedding to an English girl. Shortly  
 afterwards he received a package from home which  
 contained the rice that had been thrown at his  
 parents' wedding more than 26 years ago. They had  
 saved it to be tossed at their son's nuptials. It  
 wasn't tossed at the young couple when they left  
 the church, however, but it did appear at the wed-  
 ding—as a rice pudding.

Nobody throws away rice or any other food in  
 England.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

You may "raise the roof" to build a house, but  
 it's no way to build a home.

The way to fight for a new world is to stop fight-  
 ing with each other in the old one.

It isn't spring yet but the usual disintegrating  
 of the surface on the Highway between Acton and  
 Milton reminds us of that song that says "It might  
 as well be spring."

It's not too early to plan now for some re-unions,  
 old home week-ends or such community affairs that  
 were popular in summer time holidays before the  
 war.

The Royal Winter Fair is scheduled to have its  
 first performance this year following the close of  
 the war. Buildings are to be cleared by the National  
 Defence Department by the end of May.

The first article on the internment of civilian  
 prisoners in Singapore appears in this issue and will  
 be found on another page. It will be continued  
 from week to week until the full story is told.

**The Week at OTTAWA**

BY H. DENT HODGSON  
 Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—With grim reports of starvation in Europe, Canada is re-examining her larder to determine how best she can aid her wartime allies from available food surpluses.

First-hand knowledge of Europe's pressing need for more wheat, meat and eggs has been brought back to the federal cabinet by Trade Minister Markinson and by Agriculture Minister Gardiner.

Mr. Gardiner returned to the capital last week after a month overseas, during which he made two trips to the continent. Both ministers have pledged Canada's co-operation in supplying foodstuffs to the limit of her resources and announcements of new food contracts with Britain are expected shortly.

Viewed in the light of widespread and urgent demands, Canada's larder which sent the Allies huge supplies of food during the war years, looks anything but overstocked. The Dominion and other countries are supplying sufficient quantities of food to Britain to enable that country to live well but Britain is re-distributing as much as she can to continental countries.

One item on which definite figures could be given was wheat which is at the top of the shortage list overseas. Canada will be able to supply 140,000,000 bushels of wheat or wheat flour between Feb. 1 and July 31, subject to shipping facilities. Already she has exported 200,000,000 bushels of wheat and wheat flour since last Aug. 1.

The proposed shipment for the next six months will leave 77,000,000 bushels to cover domestic requirements and provide a moderately small carry over in case of crop failure next year. Effectiveness of meat rationing is

reflected in export figures for the first three months rationing operated. In that period Canada shipped 275,600,000 pounds of meat overseas—40,000,000 pounds more than during the same period the previous year. In 1946, planned exports are 794,233,000 pounds of meat, including 465,000,000 pounds of bacon, 316,000,000 pounds of beef and 12,433,000 pounds of mutton and lamb. The Dominion's cheese contract to Britain, under which she agreed to supply 125,000,000 pounds in the year ended April 1, has already been filled and a similar contract will be in force in the following year. Another surplus item in the larder is eggs about 88,000,000 dozen.

A sidelight on the effect of heavy overseas demands on Canadian farmers was noted by the Canadian Horticultural Council, which urged at a meeting last week that the Dominion and provincial governments continue the Dominion-provincial emergency farm labor service on the ground that there was no indication the farm and domestic labor situation would improve during the next season.

The council also passed a motion urging "that the establishment and maintenance of equality for agriculture in a balanced national economy become a fundamental part of Canada's fiscal policy."

More definite plans for increased farm production were reported under cabinet study, along with the immediate problem of what can be done now to tide over European countries until their crops are harvested.

This and other problems harried the cabinet to such an extent that Prime Minister Mackenzie King postponed plans for a brief holiday in the southern United States until after the new session of parliament opens March 14.

Announcement of the date of the second session of the 20th Parliament left the government little time to plan the legislation it will present to the Commons which probably will select a new Canadian flag and consider a bill establishing a distinctive Canadian nationality.

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 p.m.; 9:06 p.m.; 11:11 p.m.  
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 9:23 p.m.; 11:23 p.m.  
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 idays.  
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 except Sat. and Sun. .... 6:35 p.m.  
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 cept Sat. and Sun. .... 7:13 p.m.  
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