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EDITORIAL

Communal Responsibility

Public commendation of the Canadian Red Cross Society's campaign for funds, now in progress, has been made by many of Canada's leading citizens. In their statements they all emphasized the peacetime aims of the Society and our individual responsibility to contribute to the limit of our means.

At a recent annual meeting of the Hamilton, Ontario, Branch of the Society, the distinguished Canadian soldier General H. G. D. Creger, C.M., C.B., D.S.O., interpreted our responsibility to the Red Cross in a new light . . . that of Communal effort.

"We have definite need in this country," said General Creger, "for less emotional oratory on 'freedom' and a lot more consideration and development of the essential requirements of a democracy . . . the sense of general communal responsibility. 'In the important contribution to human welfare which is the best record of Red Cross, we have a practical demonstration of the essentials required for a democracy . . . a real sense of communal responsibility.'"

Community effort on a national scale, with every man and woman lending moral and financial support to insure the continuation of a necessary peacetime program, is the true life blood of the Canadian Red Cross.

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Against and For

The war of ideas is being waged to-day more fiercely than people realize. Materialistic groups of the extreme right and extreme left deliberately divide the nations. If you piece together all the isolated incidents of unrest whether in the Canadian or British Parliament, in the factories and trade unions, at the docks, in the mining areas, in transport and in housing—they form a definite pattern of disorder.

One tactic of these anti-democratic forces is to discredit national leaders whom they cannot control. They try to split them from their friends, their followers and their families. Why? To get rid of them and put in their places men who are hostile to the Christian basis of democratic life.

But when the subversive elements come up against moral leadership they are defeated. They cannot browbeat or bribe men who put their country before their own interests before power, ambition and reputation.

In this light there is no need to be 'against' any country, any class, any race. We must be for a great positive idea and we must unite all the positive forces in the world to get the idea across. There will be new hope for a free-democratic ideology when we all fight upon this battle line: (1) To build and back moral leadership which puts the whole of the nation before any personal or group interest. (2) To create sound family life as the backbone of a dynamic Christian ideology. (3) To erect a new industrial structure where labor and management work unitedly with a new spirit for the good of all. (4) To inspire international unity, not on expediency, but by the pattern of unity we have at home, and by the hatred, fear-free, greed-free spirit we bring into the councils of the nations.

High and Going Higher

The net revenue to the province from the sale of liquor for the fiscal year just ending will reach a record \$20,800,500. Provincial Treasurer Leslie Frost revealed in his budget address. He forecast it will be even higher during the coming 12 months when it is expected to reach \$27,000,000.

This year's total is \$2,800,500 higher than the previous year's figure of \$24,000,000 and it is \$6,800,500 more than was estimated.

In addition to sales being up, \$800,500 was real-

ized from transfer fees. This fee is charged when a hotel holding an authority from the Liquor License Board changes ownership and is levied on the basis of gallonage handled by the authority-holder.

Another Viewpoint

For the past few months we have had a most interesting exchange of letters and papers with a member of the editorial staff of the Acton (England) Gazette. We've enjoyed the exchange and particularly a letter received this week from which we quote:

"Very many thanks for the copies of your paper which I continue to receive at regular intervals. I would like to say how much I enjoy your editorials, although I do not always agree with them. Although I am not by any means fully behind this Labour Government here, I do consider that it has done much for the country. The fuel crisis is not the fault of the political party in power, it could have occurred just as easily with the Tories, or my own Liberals! The papers I receive from Toronto, Montreal and New York all strike the same theme, that since the coal industry has been nationalized, these mismanagements have occurred, and it is therefore the fault of the government. The things that the government can be blamed for are the failure to take adequate steps—emergency steps—to see that coal was transported to the south when the first signs of impending power cuts were manifested, and secondly, in my opinion at any rate, its failure to inform the people just how serious the situation was at the outset. I cannot agree with the extreme right wing view that the Labour Party alone is responsible because it has nationalized the industry, nor can I identify myself with the extreme left wing view, that the government did not nationalise efficiently enough. However, I guess that you have your own very definite views on the matter. We here in Acton have seen snow six and seven inches deep, and the good citizens are comparing this to the blizzard of '94, when eight inches fell. I bet this brings a smile to your face, what is your average winter snow fall over there?"

We feel that our friend on the English newspaper will not mind our quoting from his letter. We have views on the Labor Government of England. They may not be correct and we are therefore glad to pass on this viewpoint to our readers from a man who is closer to the situation than we are, whether it coincides with our viewpoint or not. Only by getting all viewpoints can readers form their own conclusions and we're glad to pass this opinion along.

The Trend for Power

We don't want the Mounties to take over all the police forces of Canada, as Mayor McGreer of Vancouver suggests, declares the Ottawa Journal. If that was done "there would be created a huge national police force under the direct control of the Dominion Government. Like the OGPU or the Gestapo, it would be a most potent weapon in the hands of the administration which happened to be in power on Parliament Hill. It might be a definite step along the road to the Police State."

Discussing the same trend as seen in Ontario, we might add that we don't approve of the Province securing full control of all police in the province and the move to have Provincial Police supplant the Municipal Police—especially when municipalities must levy in their taxes for maintaining a policing force under the jurisdiction of the province. The trend to central control by any government can be overdone and can take away many of the best things in a democracy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The little green shamrock was much in evidence on Monday and with the advent of spring scheduled for to-morrow, most folks hope it won't be long until green fields are again in evidence on every side.

Letters from friends and readers who are spending this winter in the sunny south haven't sharpened our appreciation of this Canadian winter and one might be forgiven if a little envy entered the thoughts as the winds blow strong north-west.

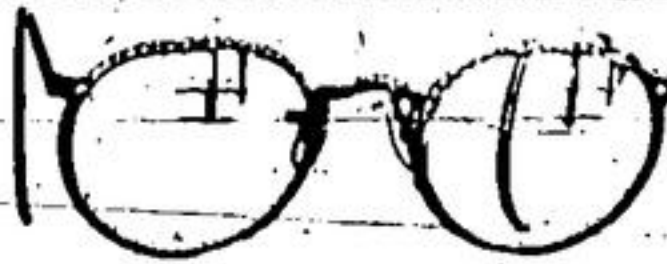
We're now receiving daily reports of the debates of the Ontario Legislature. Publication should help to eliminate the accusations of being wrongly quoted and perhaps make members a little more cautious in their utterances, which have to be fit to print now.

Don't suppose we'll ever understand the reasoning behind the few hockey fans who consider it necessary to become so intoxicated when going to a game that they don't know anything about the game while there and choose such a big audience before which to make fools of themselves.

Toronto teachers placed advertisements in the papers, stating their case for higher wages, and they packed the galleries as the Board of Education discussed the matter, but the Board was adamant and refused to grant salary requests totalling \$883,000. For the first time on record, teachers are making a concerted effort to break the salary schedules which they accepted last September to run for a year—Chesley-Enterprise.

There should be no difficulty for police and court officials in determining just when a person is guilty of being intoxicated while having "care and control" of an automobile. The law is not vague. It decrees that the car need not be in motion, if the person in control when apprehended is drunk. All that is necessary is to prove that the automobile is capable of being driven. This clear interpretation should remove much of the uncertainty from these cases which are so important to public safety.—The Windsor Star.

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