



BETTER BUSINESS AND WAGE EARNERS

It may not be known to the general public throughout Canada but there is a growing opinion along Parliament Hill that the initial results of the general elections will be a rapid and continual improvement in business conditions. This will result from greater activity and increased employment because leaders of big business are no longer so hesitant. The uncertainty which they have felt for several months about the nation's administration and policies will be dispelled. This means greater purchasing power and better business in certain directions but it also implies a more liberal attitude in regard to the reduction of wage earners. Both employers and employees are anxious to avoid the errors of the last contest which was followed by great distress and unemployment because no specific plan to protect savings was made throughout the whole period. Today, however, officials of the War Supply Board and the Department of Labor have evolved a scheme where workers will not have to undergo the inevitable sufferings of post-war stress and unemployment. The plan is to be put into effect by the Canadian industry for a number of years which a group annuity clause is written into the various contracts entered into by the Government and all employers. In brief, it is a sort of insurance which can be entered into without any legislation being necessary since it is within the powers of an Order-in-Council.

IMPORTANT NEWS DETROITING

The virulent attacks on and defenses of national policies during our election campaign may seem strange to a five observer unaccustomed to modern electioneering methods in Canada, but to an experienced and strict impartial observer on Parliament Hill it is without surprise or unusual things that it can be reported in this column that they have been considered as mere "family quarrels" by those whose duties entail the heavy responsibility to prepare for a vigorous and efficient prosecution of the war. The general elections did not interfere to any marked extent in the work of those men in the national capital, though the mass of the Canadian people may not know this fact has been obscured by the trailing and herring across political paths the course of the mad hunt for news when the headlines dominated only of news about the battles for mandate to govern this country. Every department in Ottawa is very busy, and some of the officials are

literally working day and night. This indicates that the newly-elected representatives will engage in one of the most active sessions ever held in the history of this nation, with the likelihood that much important news will be emanating from the capital now, which information will be of grave significance to every man, woman and child in this country.

While it is unquestionable that the Canadian foreign policy and action in this war will be determined almost wholly by the news from overseas and the views of the British Government, the continuous activities of the key officials in Ottawa and other centers, even during the excitement of the general election campaign, seem to calmly clear up Canada's attitude to a number of international problems. It is obvious now that Canada intends to work in even closer co-operation with the Motherland and the Allies in combating their common enemies.

Perhaps, this has not been discernible to the average Canadian, but an expert observer can detect it on Parliament Hill, particularly in the economic sphere where often diplomatic manoeuvres are not as carefully or strictly censured as in military actions since modern economic warfare is comparatively a new method for waging a life-and-death struggle against an enemy. This is a certain subject of heated argumentation in the new session both in regard to past and future policies since some months ago several drastic moves were initiated to prevent goods shipped from Canada reaching Germany directly or indirectly and since it is no secret now on Parliament Hill that greater actions must be taken against other nations whose strict neutrality is seriously under question.

On January 23, 1940, the Government of Canada assumed control over all exports to neutral countries contiguous to enemy or enemy-occupied territories, such as Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark and Soviet Russia, and on March 5, 1940, another drastic enactment was announced in which all exports from Canada to all European neutral nations must be preceded by obtaining a special permit from the Minister of National Revenue, except in the cases of Europe, Portugal and Turkey. In addition, the Canadian Government has taken control over all exports to other neutral nations, including the United States, Japan, and the Central and South American countries, though in these latter cases it applies only to war materials, minerals and metals.

Although these drastic policies mean the curtailment or loss of considerable trade, Japan had imports from Canada in 1939 of \$28,168,000, Norway \$10,904,000, Belgium \$7,281,000, Nether-

lands \$7,357,000, Sweden \$4,284,000, yet Canada desires to close all sources of possible supply for the enemy, whether or not these articles or commodities are classified as war materials, in order to be in perfect tune with the rest of the Allies. This means that more and more action on the economic battle front may be expected on the part of Canada in this life-and-death struggle against Germany or her allegedly neutral friends, such as Soviet Russia, Italy, Japan and a few others. Furthermore, gains in other directions may compensate for these heavy losses with trade increases almost certain to materialize in 1940 with the United States, United Kingdom, France, Eire and others. In 1939, the United States imported from Canada \$380,392,000, United Kingdom \$238,094,000, France \$6,978,000 and Eire \$3,597,000, and though the war is only seven months old, yet there has been a notable increase of exports to these nations as a direct and immediate result of the conflict.

It is apparent that the Canadian people, regardless of outside influences, have joined their full forces in the battle against the enemy on the economic battle front as elsewhere, with this additional serious voluntary effort bound to be productive of effective and highly exciting developments soon. (Reproduction prohibited, 1940, Educational Features Syndicate.)



Present From American Listener

Because a gentleman in New England has been listening with marked enjoyment to Canadian programmes for some time, a young Canadian soldier in training at Aldershot is soon to get a big box of cigarettes. And this is how it all came about: the listener in Massachusetts wrote a letter of appreciation to George Young, CBC's Regional Representative in the Maritimes, mentioning particularly "Appointment with Agostini," the Montreal feature, and the recently completed serial "Number 17" which starred Rupert Lucas from Toronto. As an added gesture of good neighborliness, the fan sent a donation to buy smokes for Canadian soldiers. George Young promptly despatched a package to Corporal Kenneth MacDougal, former radio man, now with the 49th Highlanders in England. When of course the package was opened, a letter to the kindly American cousin, telling him how his gift had been despatched.

"Along the Air Waves" New Mystery Serial Scheduled

"The Mark of the Duke," an original mystery drama by Leo Tremblay of Vancouver, will be presented in serial form over the National Network of the CBC, commencing Sunday, April 7, at 10:00 to 10:30 p.m. The broadcasts will originate in the CBC's Toronto studios, under the direction of Sydney Fox. The serial is presented in 13 half-hour episodes. The story has its locale in pre-war London, and centres around the adventures of a handsome young sergeant of police from Montreal, who becomes involved in a celebrated Scotland Yard case when it is learned that he has said attention to a charming "suspect" on board ship during his voyage to England.

CBC Broadcast Proves Helpful

Radio has helped in many spectacular rescues on land and sea, but there are occasions also when it may bring succour in less spectacular, more permanent ways. Not long ago, CBC broadcast an interview with Miss Gertrude Warner, a teacher in Manitoba's School for the Deaf, to which deaf children from Alberta are also admitted. This week, a letter was received, addressed to "School of Deaf Children, Winnipeg." It was from a New Canadian mother in a remote district of Alberta, who had a boy of eight—stone deaf from birth. She wrote that she was almost in despair.

"He is eight years in his life and has had no school. Please tell teacher what spoke. She will know what to do for my boy."

Planist Member of Musical Clan

When Naomi Yanova, the concert pianist, was asked to complete an official biography for CBC press files she protested vehemently, but perseverance on the part of one sleuth brought forth evidence of literary talent which otherwise might never have been discovered. Asked concerning the existence of musical talent elsewhere in her family, Miss Yanova wrote: "By marriage I practically acquired a conservatory of music staff for my in-laws." Yanova is in private life the wife of John Adaskin, CBC producer, and she is therefore the sister-in-law of Harry Adaskin, violinist, Murray Adaskin, director of the Toronto Trio, Frances James, soprano, and Frances Marr, pianist. Naomi Yanova will be heard in recital over the CBC Eastern network on Tuesday, April 9, at 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

"B.C. Night" With Canadian Snapshots

If the modern automobile were capable of chagrin, it would feel something of this emotion when driven abroad the aerial ferry which travels over the Fraser River at North Bend, B.C. How a human passenger feels about this method of crossing the turbulent waters of the mighty waterway will be described for "Canadian Snapshots" listeners on Wednesday, April 10, at 8:00 p.m., when an actual broadcast will describe the method of carrying several big powerful machines at a time over the river. This will be the real "British Columbia Night," for another highlight of the programme will be the musical salute to the Vancouver composer, W. Maurice Miles, with Samuel Hersenboren's

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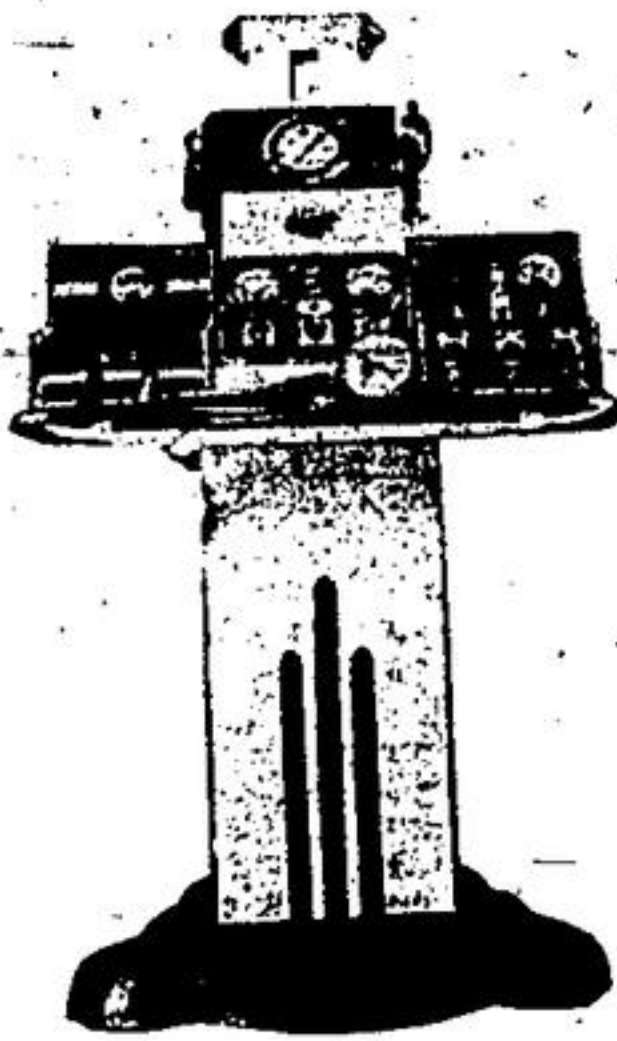
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MUSICIANS OF "STAR DUST"

Faith Features Canadian Song "The more band leaders I meet, the more I like band leaders," is Ruth Lowe's admission after a trip to New York during which she personally received Glenn Miller's compliments on her new song, "I'll Never Smile Again," which he introduced over NBC last month. Ruth's song had its Canadian premiere some time ago, when Percy Faith wrote a special arrangement of the number for his "Music by Faith" programme. Now Percy Faith plans to reintroduce the hit on his next broadcast—Wednesday, April 10 at 9:30 p.m., with Louise King carrying the vocal honours.



New Tune by War Song Composer Speaking of songs, there is a sudden burst of energy in the composing department around CBC studios that is quite startling. Almost every week a new tune slips out and there are some very good ones crashing Canadian programmes which bear Canadian signatures. The latest announced for a premiere is Jess Jaffrey's number "My Heart Will be Waiting." It will be introduced over the CBC National network shortly, by Larry Cross.

"Coast Patrol" CBC Feature Presentation

A story of the Royal Canadian Navy on active service will be told in "Coast Patrol," a feature broadcast scheduled over the CBC National network, Friday, April 12, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. The programme will be produced by J. Frank Willis, who made a special visit to the Maritimes this winter to obtain recordings of actual sounds of the Navy on guard in Canada's front line defenses of the home shores.



PROFESSOR ARTHUR L. PHELPS

of United College, Winnipeg, recently concluded a most successful series of talks on each of the nine Canadian provinces. These talks have now been published in book form, under the title "This Canada." Professor Phelps also spoke in the "Canadian Heritage" series, his subject being "Canadian Literature."

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Guest Artists on "Children's Scrap Book"

R.C.M.P. dogs were featured on the CBC's Children's Scrap Book on Saturday, April 6th, from 12:30-1:00 p.m. Peggy and Johnny and the Major visited the Rockcliffe Barracks of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Ottawa, where dogs are trained for police work. The picture shows Bob Anderson, CBC commentator, talking with Sgt. A. S. Cooper, M.C., R.C.M.P. The dogs shown, Jinx, Major, and Peter Pan, made their radio debut together with many more of the R.C.M.P.'s dogs on this edition of Children's Scrapbook, which was heard on the National Network of the CBC and by listeners of the Mutual Broadcasting System in the United States.