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Ralston Announces Plans For Training Manpower

Glimpses of Parliament

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Last evening and today the Cabinet Ministers charged with the responsibility of Canada's war work down to the present time. The following are extracts from the statement given by the Honourable Mr. Ralston.

"I think it would help toward clearer thinking, greater confidence and more effective action if we understand and agree on the broad principles of our defence policy. I conceive that there are two main aspects.

Two Main Aspects

First, a short-term policy which is to combine, in maximum degree and in minimum time, with other countries to defeat the common enemy in the present war, along with the United Kingdom and the other Dominions, is turning night into day and leisure into ceaseless activity, to bring about that result.

Secondly, there is the long-term aspect. It gives distant and relatively unimportant at the minute. But we must realize and prepare to meet the absolute necessity for a comprehensive organization of Canada's armed forces, so that whatever befall we shall in future be a country which shall be as adequately prepared as it can possibly be to take care of its own responsibilities in respect of defence.

Speaking generally, the method to be continued and intensified is the maximum development of all our resources in manpower, in weapons, in equipment and in training facilities. The objective is that Canada may throw its increasing military power into the scale in the most effective manner, and in the minimum of time.

We are fully agreed regarding the general order of priority which should be considered in connection with our military preparations.

Immediate Category

In the 'immediate' category, I place the following:

First, the re-strengthening and the adequate organization of our fixed and mobile defences and our armed forces in the area of operations, and of the approaches of the St. Lawrence. As will be immediately recognized, this is our most vulnerable area.

Measures have been taken accordingly, and I can announce that a command headquarters is being set up immediately in the Maritimes to organize control and co-ordinate for operational purposes the forces in this area.

These will include the Canadian Active Service Force, which are or will be located there. The object is to use them in the best advantage, in conjunction with the coast defence forces, wherever an attack may threaten. Included in this command will be the Canadian forces in Newfoundland.

I need hardly say that in presently concentrating increased energies on the requirements of our east coast, it is not to be assumed for an instant that the continued strengthening of our west coast defences is being in any way overlooked.

Secondly, but of equal importance, and only secondary in the matter of immediate urgency, is the continued concentration of our resources on the training and equipping of the Canadian Active Service Force now organized in this country. Where these troops will eventually serve depends, of course, on the developments of the future.

In the meantime, our policy is to continue training and equipping of these units eventually as divisions, so that they may be ready for operations in whatever theatre they may be required, either in Canada or overseas. The front line is the island fortress of the British Isles and we will shortly have a corps of two complete divisions and auxiliary troops in that front line.

The House may be interested to know that my advisers are definitely of the opinion that it would not serve the common cause at this time to have additional Canadian forces added to such a corps. It must be remembered that there is at the moment no shortage of manpower in England. The real demand is for equipment.

I am giving away no secret when I state that it is impossible for the United Kingdom to make up in two or three weeks the losses of equipment suffered by the gallant British Expeditionary Force during its epic struggle in, and subsequent withdrawal from France."

In addition to this general statement, which I have quoted verbatim, the Minister informed us that we now have 133,000 men in all, under arms, and that two complete divisions with auxiliary troops are overseas. No further troops will be sent overseas at the present time as there is no need for them. The plan is to discontinue recruitment in the Non-Permanent Active Militia on August the 15th, and that after that date groups of men will be called up compulsorily for a short course of training. It is anticipated that these men will be called in groups of approximately 30,000 at a time, which would mean that over the next 12 months Canada will give a limited amount of training to 350,000 additional men. As the war develops, it is becoming in-

creasingly apparent that, barring some unforeseen change in events, Canada's main effort toward winning the war, will be through the Air Force, the Navy and the production of war supplies, rather than through the supplying of infantry.

The Honourable C. G. Power and the Honourable C. D. Howe, both gave statements in regard to the Air Force, and as these statements have some overlapping, I am grouping them both together for the purpose of this report.

The Air Training Scheme, as originally contemplated provided for the construction of some 60 projects, including 26 elementary training schools; 10 air observers' schools; 16 bombing and gunnery schools; 16 flight training schools; navigation schools, etc. Under the original scheme, the construction of these schools was to be spread over a period of two years and a half. This has all now been changed. The number of projects has been increased to 12 and 90% of these are to be completed by November of this year. You will gain some idea of the magnitude of the scheme when I tell you that it involves the purchase of 30,000 acres of land; the moving of 14 million cubic yards of earth, and the expenditure of something over \$100,000,000. As to the supply of aircraft Canada's original scheme of 1,000 planes a year, has been stepped up to an estimated production of over 4,000 planes in 1941. Orders have now been placed for some 3200 planes, of which 2577 have already been delivered. 25 finished planes having been delivered last week. Our original plan was that Canada should produce training planes only, and that the fighter planes and bombers would be produced in the Old Country. Our production is now being organized so that we also in Canada will be producing both fighters and bombers. We have now just over 2,000 air pilots, air gunners and air observers training in the 10 training units which are now fully complete, and by the end of 12 months, facilities should be ready for the training of at least 25,000 air crew personnel annually. Our total air force enlistments to date are 19,453.

Isabella L. Hume Passes After Lingering Illness

After an illness lasting seventeen years, Miss Isabella L. Hume passed away on Saturday, July 27th, at her home in Georgetown. Eldest daughter of the late George and Elizabeth Hume, Miss Hume was born sixty-five years ago on a farm in Esqueping Township, about four miles from Georgetown. She came to Georgetown with her family in March, 1914, and took up residence in the home on Main Street, at the foot of the hill leading north out of town. Other members of the family are Alexander Hume, Massey-Harris agent in town; Miss Beatrice Hume, of the staff of Georgetown Public School, and Mrs. F. J. Foxton (Bessie), of Toronto.

A faithful member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Miss Hume took a keen interest in church affairs, and though she was unable to leave her home for the past twenty-three months, her influence was still felt in the life of that church. In recognition of her work in the Women's Missionary Society, she was recently made a life member of the Society. At that time, an address was presented, signed by the officers of the Society, "While you may feel you are not as active in His service as you once were," it reads, "we would like to bear testimony that to us you are. You reveal to all of us who visit you the spirit of Christ, in the gracious way in which you so cheerfully accept your lot."

Rev. D. D. Davidson, pastor of Knox Church, was in charge of the funeral service, which was held from the home on Tuesday, July 30th. Six cousins acted as pallbearers; Thomas Aitken, Alexander and Howard Hume, George Currie, Wilfred McDonald, and Thomas Hall, all residents of the district. Many beautiful floral tributes attested to the esteem in which Miss Hume was held in the community. She was laid to rest beside her parents in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

SHOWER FOR MRS. WARDLAW

Last Wednesday evening the ladies of Norval and vicinity gathered at the home of Mrs. W. G. M. Browne to honor Mrs. Lorne Wardlaw (Margaret Hewson) a bride of last month, with a miscellaneous shower.

The guests were seated around a table set with lace cloth, candelabra and centred with a bouquet of pink flowers and streamers.

The address was given by Mrs. W. G. M. Browne, while Miss Agnes Reid wheeled in a huge pink basket laden with gifts. Mrs. Joe Harris helped untie them and read the messages, to which the bride replied, thanking everyone. As the fifty ladies present admired the many useful presents, a contest, "Merchants of Brampton" was engaged in, after which a delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Joy Laird, Mrs. Joe Harris and Mrs. Ray Pomeroy.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR SAMUEL HURST



SAMUEL HERBERT HURST

Mr. Samuel Herbert Hurst, who passed away at his summer home on the 7th Line on Tuesday, July 23rd, was buried with military honours last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Hurst was a veteran of the last War, serving in France with the 294th Battalion as a sergeant. He was a member of the local branch of the Canadian Legion. Born in Kingston in 1876, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hurst. He was engaged in business as a cut-stone contractor, with quarters located at Glen Williams, Lincolnton and Toronto. His time was divided between Toronto and Georgetown, and he had homes in both places.

Surviving members of his family include two brothers, Percy, of Georgetown, and Ernest, of Grafton, and two sisters, Mrs. Alex. C. Reid of Toronto, and Mrs. James Henderson, Kingston. His widow is also left to mourn his loss, as well as a son, Ralph, in Hollywood, California.

Mr. Hurst was a Mason, being a member of Alpha Lodge in Toronto. The funeral service on Thursday was conducted by Branch 120 Canadian Legion, with Chaplain Rev. W. G. O. Thompson officiating. Pallbearers were fellow-members of the Legion—Harry Goldham, S. P. Chapman, S. Grosz, P. Blackburn, Roger Guyot and T. Grievie. Bugler Charles Landsborough, of Acton, sounded the Last Post. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

LOCAL MILITIA RETURN FROM CAMP SCHOOL

Bronzed and fit, after a two-week training course at the camp school at Niagara-on-the-Lake, officers of "C" Company, Lorne Scots Regiment, returned to Georgetown this week-end. The camp was arranged for men from Military District No. 2, and included a varied course of training in the different aspects of modern soldiering.

Those who attended from Georgetown were Lieutenants Roof and Paul Barber, Allan McDonald and Norman Henderson and Corporals Russell Firestone, Jim Doble, H. Lamb, Omer Wilson, and Jim and Bill Collier.

FORMER NORVAL WOMAN HAS ANOTHER BOOK IN THE MOVIES

L. M. Montgomery, wife of a former Norval minister, and author of the best-selling "Anne of Green Gables," has had another of her novels screened. "Anne of Windy Poplars" stars Anne Shirley and James Ellison and was produced by RKO-Radio. We hope that R. L. Gregory will soon book this one for his local theatre, and give Georgetowners a chance to see the work of one of our former residents.

KNOX GARDEN PARTY DRAWS GOOD CROWD

The weatherman smiled on Knox Church garden party last Friday, and a day which threatened rain turned into a beautiful, cool evening. The party was held at the lovely home of Mrs. William A. McClure, on the ninth line, just outside town limits. During the early evening, a section of the Guelph Kiltie Band, of which Georgetown's E. R. Magloughlin is a member, delighted Scotch hearts with some stirring selections on the pipes. With true Scottish stolidity they played on, ignoring the ten-minute "blackout" which occurred during their performance.

Lighting restored, Rev. Douglas Davidson briefly introduced Russ Creighton's Variety Entertainers and turned the evening over to Russ Creighton, who announced his own show. The bright spot of this is Wee Clara Felly, who, though not so "sweet" as last year, ably carries the show on her capable little shoulders. Singing, tap-dancing and an amazing exhibition of acrobatics are included in this little girl's repertoire. One of her best numbers was a "Goo-fus" dance, which is as clever as anything this writer has seen.

Another youngster, little Donald Spence, made several appearances. The audience joined with him in singing "There'll Always Be an England," and he was applauded lustily for this number. Betty Bryant presented a number of specialty dances. Loraine Hills got off to a slow start on the accordion, but improved as the evening went on. Highlight of her act was the playing of "Cheri Beri Bi"—the number which brought her a gold medal at the Canadian National Exhibition last year.

Weak spot in the show was a comedian named Charlie Booker or Bookie—(I didn't catch the last name). Charlie substituted for Cliff Armstrong, scheduled to appear, but whose act was cancelled when it was learned that some of his lines were a bit too risqué for the crowd at the recent Norval garden party. Charlie was fairly amusing at times, but his lines were not good and he would scarcely rank as a first-class comedian.

Russ Harris and a pianist named Don McNeil played accompaniment for all the entertainment, as well as presenting selections by themselves.

Two booths where the ground were well patronized by the crowd, though smaller than last year, was still near the four hundred mark. All in all, it was a good evening, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

PAPER CONSERVED IN ENGLAND

An example of how the English are conserving paper supplies is a letter seen recently by the editor. Sent from a well-known English business firm, the envelope was one which they themselves had received, with a white sheet pasted on the front, and the new address written on that.

Regarding Burton Map Directories

"There's a sucker born every minute" and your editor and several local businessmen certainly belong to that class. A month ago a man representing himself as Mr. Burton, of Burton Map Directories, 42 Leppard Street, Toronto, sold advertising space on a map of Georgetown, which he allegedly was going to have published. Several merchants in town made advance payments on the map. At the same time, he ordered a map of Oakville and some advertising contracts from the Herald—the bill totalling \$22.75. When the maps were delivered, he pleaded that he was "broke" and would pay as soon as he had delivered them in Oakville.

Subsequently, he disappeared. The map of Georgetown has not made its appearance.

If interested merchants will hand in their claims against him IMMEDIATELY at the Herald Office, we shall have a warrant sworn out for his arrest on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences.

Maybe we won't get our money back, but we'll have the satisfaction of knowing that we have removed one of these fly-by-nighters from plucking his trade in other towns.

WEEKLY EDITORS VISIT CANADIAN ROCKIES



Weekly editors from all parts of Canada took a few days holiday following their recent annual convention at Calgary and paid a visit to the Canadian Rockies, where they motored over the newly opened Columbia Icefield Highway. This picture was taken at Jasper Park Lodge where the new executive of the C.W.N.A. viewed the situation. From left to right: Clarence Charter, Brampton, Ont., managing secretary; H. T. Hatfield, past president C.W.N.A., Coleman, Alta.; H. Rice, president C.W.N.A., Huntsville, Ont.; Walter Ashfield, 1st vice-president, Grenfell, Sask.; Walter Legge, 2nd vice-president, Granby, Que. At the right is the delegate farthest away from home—A. L. Barrett, of Curling, Newfoundland, who has his notebook-out and is interviewing the Jasper Totem Pole on its experiences in the Canadian Rockies.

30-Day Training Scheme Begins In October—Single Men First, Pay Will be \$1.20 a Day

The important announcement concerning details of the training scheme under Canada's conscription program, was made in the House of Commons on Monday by the Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defense. The plan affects 300,000 of this country's young men, who will be trained within a year, beginning next October. These men will be called in groups of 30,000 at a time, to undergo a 30-day training period in the various military camps which will be established throughout the Dominion.

It is expected that single men will be called first, and present indications are that married men will not be required during the first year of the plan. Pay will be \$1.20 a day, and all men falling into the military medical classification of C1 or better will be trained.

These new recruits will be brought directly into the various militia regiments throughout the country, and will become members of the militia of Canada, and no distinctions will be made between the new recruits and the rest of the militia. Meanwhile, recruiting for overseas service will be discontinued for a time, as the government feels that there is no need at present for further Canadian troops to be sent to Europe.

This is an important step in the history of Canada—the forerunner of a system which has been forced upon us by current events. The time has come when it is imperative that every citizen be trained as a soldier, in order that we may continue to enjoy the freedom of our democratic system. While it is an enormous task to contemplate the training of all Canada's manpower, the greater part of which know little about military affairs, this condition will gradually level out as the years go by, until every young man, when he reaches a certain age, will automatically become eligible for training.

No information is yet available as to the place of training for Georgetown's young men. Possibly they will be sent to the camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Possibly quarters will be made available in Brampton, or even in Georgetown itself. At any rate, the plan will operate locally through our own Lorne Scots Regiment, which has already been doing good service with evening training of the town's men.

Mr. Ralston was emphatic in his statements that no man eligible for service would be exempted for any reason whatsoever. Postponements may be made, but every man falling in this classification will receive his training sometime within the year.

LEGION WOMEN PICNIC IN THE PARK

On Thursday, although the weather was extremely hot, a good number of members of the Legion Women's Auxiliary and their children enjoyed their annual picnic in the Park. There was an early rush on the lemonade. The dinner race was held before supper, but the older children waited till the cool of the evening.

The race results are as follows:

Children under 4 years — Everyone won.

Girls 4 to 8 yrs.—1st, Mable Shepherd; 2nd, Shirley Freestone.

Boys 4 to 8 yrs.—1st, Bobby Ferry; 2nd, Denis McCartney.

Girls 8 to 10 yrs.—1st, Violet Shepherd; 2nd, Peggy Young.

Boys 10 to 12 yrs.—1st, Harold Gilmmer; 2nd, Brian Ferry.

Girls 10 to 12 yrs.—1st, Toots Murphy; 2nd, Joyce Smith.

Boys 12 to 14 yrs.—1st, Bruce McCarty; 2nd, Tommy Harlow.

Boys 15 yrs.—Alva Grive.

Girls 15 yrs and over—1st, Margaret James; 2nd, Doris McCartney.

Ladies' race—1st, Mrs. Smith; 2nd, Mrs. Webster.

Throwing the rolling pin—1st, Mrs. Ferry; 2nd, Mrs. Simson.

Flag race—girls and boys—1st, Helen Shepherd and Betty Henney; 2nd, Harold Gilmmer and Jean Roney.

Wheelbarrow race—1st couple, Alva Grive and Pearl Webster; 2nd couple, Joyce and Doris Smith.

Big boys' race—1st, Harold Gilmmer; 2nd, Brian Ferry.

Little boys' race—Bobby Ferry.

The races nicely over, the children lined up for ice cream and candy—the ladies too, enjoyed a cone. Altogether a very pleasant picnic!

Civic Holiday Next Monday, August 5th

The Council of the Town of Georgetown have declared Monday next, August 5th a Civic Holiday in Georgetown, and the business places will be closed on that day as has been the usual custom.

An English militant crusader strolled into a barnyard where a young man was milking a cow.

Militer — Crusader—How is it you are not at the front, young man?

Milker — Because, madam, there ain't no milk at that end.