

Glimpses of Parliament

By Hughes Claver, M.P.

(Last week's column)
During the past week we have had detailed reports of our war effort from all three war ministers, regarding the military, air force and navy together with reports from the Ministers in charge of the Departments of National War Services, Trade and Commerce and Finance. As it would take at least five weekly letters to give an adequate report of what we have listened to during the last week, I have decided to simply give a brief summary of all of the others and to report in more detail the work of the Canadian navy.

In the army Canada now has something over three hundred thousand men under arms. For obvious reasons we were not given information as to guns and equipment which would be useful to the enemy but we are told that Bren gun deliveries are three times the amount called for under the contract. We will be producing rifles in Canada by next midsummer. As to heavy guns Canada is now in social production. The following paragraph shows his aims: To sum up, I think I can again assure the house as I did in July that the most vigorous and effective steps of which we are capable have been and are being taken both by this department and by the Department of Munitions and Supply

to make Canada to the maximum extent possible self-supporting and self-sustaining in munitions of war, in addition to rapidly becoming a large exporter of armaments to the United Kingdom. And I can say again that we shall not rest until we have produced or procured every item which is procurable to complete our military requirements in order to carry out effectively the task we have set for ourselves in what now appears to be a war not of months but of years. It is of no use for us to try to delude ourselves that the work in hand is something which will be easily or speedily accomplished. It calls for all the energy, all the loyalty, and equally all the staying power that Canadians can command.

As to the Air Force Major Power reports that on November 12th, 1940, Canada had over 25,000 men in the Air Force with three squadrons overseas. As to the Empire Air Training scheme he stated: I can inform hon. members with certainty that by June 30, 1941, six months before the originally contemplated date, all our constructional programmes will enable us to have 103 out of 104 of those units in operation, of which 68 out of 69 will be administrative, instructional and maintenance units. This represents a straight acceleration of six months in the construction and provision of training facilities, and by March 31st, 1941, a total of over 83 million of work have been spent on this part of the work. In conclusion he stated: I should like to summarize this somewhat long and rambling discourse by saying that the Commonwealth Air Training plan has now passed its halfway mark; that it is producing now and will continue to produce in ever-increasing quantities. Simply because we say that the plan is working and is in operation, it would be altogether unfair to suggest that we are not having difficulties every day of our lives, or that there are not all kinds of impediments and obstacles in the way. But when we give a report on the plan we must say what it looks like in the aggregate, whether it is to be successful or unsuccessful, whether it has or has not been accelerated, do not want hon. members of the people of Canada to feel that we are trying to feed them with soothing syrup when we say that the plan appears to be far more successful than was at first anticipated. We admit that during its course we have met with innumerable difficulties and obstacles, some of which have not been easy to overcome. I can now say that whereas the original plan was to reach its full operation, that is, to be complete and at its peak, in April of 1942, by September of 1941 all units and schools will be in full operation; and long before that we shall have reached at least three-quarters of the peak of our air crew production.

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this time or in the near future a navy comparable to that of Great Britain, or of that of any one of several of the other great powers I mention. In all things we must be guided by our means, our capacity, but we can, and, in common sense and in honor, I think we must build a navy that will not be unworthy of Canada; and that will enable us to play our proper part as a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations and as a friend and ally of the United States.

In conclusion he said: So long as the spirit of Britain remains we need have no doubt as to the ultimate outcome of this war. The whole of Britain is under attack now, but in just our time she and her dominions will take the offensive. They are on the offensive even now, for our gallant armers are carrying the war to the seat of the enemy countries and to territories which Germany has conquered, and our incomparable fleet is commanding the seas. Her soldiers at Dunkirk have proven their quality. We shall see Britain triumphant, and long after the name of Hitler will have become nothing but an unpleasant memory, the same flag which now waves over disorderly heaps of ruins, will be flying freely and proudly in the air of heaven, sheltering liberty and justice and freedom and truth in its benevolent shade. That is the hope and the promise of the British flag now flying over the ruins of British homes.

St. George's Concert Draws Capacity Crowd

A large crowd attended the concert in St. George's Anglican Church hall last Thursday night. The musical portion of the program was ably presented by Dr. W. E. Thibault, violinist, of Toronto, Miss Florence Richardson, contralto, of Burlington, and Miss Evelyn Rusby, pianist, of the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Miss Richardson, who was suffering from a cold, still revealed a lovely voice which always pleases her listeners on her frequent appearances in Georgetown. Miss Rusby, who accompanied Miss Richardson, is a gifted artist whose talent overcomes the technical deficiencies of the St. George's piano. She played several solo selections including a short number composed by herself. Particular note was her interpretation of Chopin's "Prelude in G Sharp Minor". Piece de resistance of the evening was a one-act drama—"The Home Guard," or "If Harry Were Only Here," acted by an all-feminine cast. The first in this stirring drama of a town left manless for a night were: Mrs. Harry Matthews, Mrs. Sam Walker, Mrs. Fred Armstrong, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. T. Hewson, Mrs. Alfred Collins, Miss Freda Herbert and Miss Mary Meyer. The play was directed by Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson and Mrs. Harold Meyer.

THIS IS NAVY WEEK IN ONTARIO

In schools in all parts of the province, the thrilling story of Britain's sea might will be retold. Home Island became Mistress of the Seas makes one of the noblest chapters in all history and both boys and girls will recall heroic deeds at sea as in Ontario's classrooms, tribute is paid to the Empire's magnificent seafaring. This educational project of the Navy League of Canada, Ontario Division, is calculated to have far-reaching effects. The significance of British sea power will be more widely realized as the various activities of Navy week become known among parents as well as pupils.

In adopting this method of stimulating patriotism, the Navy League has the full support of the Department of Education, including the League's plan of deepening the desired impression by making a collection in the schools, in aid of the sailors at Christmas. The League has undertaken to see that every man who sails the high seas, and who is at a Canadian seaport during the Christmas season, is given tangible proof that those who serve the King at sea are not forgotten. The "ditty bags" being filled by women workers for the Navy League in many parts of Ontario, will bring comfort to those who serve in the merchant marine as well as in His Majesty's naval forces.

Following a similar project last year, letters of thanks poured in from men and boys whose Christmas had been made so cheerful. One lad in the Canadian Navy wrote that the ditty bag was "quite the nicest present I ever received and was doubly appreciated because we spent Christmas Day at sea in exceptionally rough weather. The last few trips conveying merchant and troop ships have been interesting but very unpleasant, owing to ice forming to a thickness of up to six inches over all. Our ship's company came from coast to coast with every provision represented. This was typical of the letters received, many adding words that showed them to have been deeply touched.

This Christmas the plan has been greatly extended and in addition to the 10,000 ditty bags, the Navy League has purchased 20,000 packages of cigarettes, 20,000 chocolate bars, 10,000 packages of gum and 5,000 pounds of plum pudding as part of the Christmas cheer.

LT. COL. BALLANTINE NAMES OFFICERS
Major Leather, M.C. of Burlington, has been named Second in Command of the Halton Volunteer Guards, under an order of Lt. Col. Jas. Ballantine, D.S.O., Commanding Officer. Major Esche has been named Battalion Adjutant and Second Major. Major Cox will be Regimental Sergeant Major. A competition is being arranged between the companies of the Battalion, beginning on February 1st next year. Many subjects are contained in the curriculum and a silver cup will be given to the company winning the most points. Each company will be represented by a team of twenty marksmen, and the target practice will take place at the local ranges, if possible. Prizes will be awarded for the best shot in the regiment and also the best shot in each company.

CHURCH NEWS

Scripture Text
"And herein do I exhort myself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward man." Acts 24: 16.

St. George's Church
Rev. W. G. O. Thompson, Rector.
Second Sunday in Advent; Holy Communion 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 7 p.m.

St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams
Second Sunday after Trinity; Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 2 p.m. Evensong 3 p.m.

Naval United Church
Rev. Chas. Cunningham, Minister.
Subject: "The Church which is His Body." Hours of service: Mt. Pleasant 11 a.m. and Naval 2:30 p.m. Standard Time.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. G. Baxter, Minister.
2:00 p.m.—Church School.
7:00 p.m.—Worship service. Rev. Robert Dick, of Toronto, will preach. Monday 8:00 p.m.—B.Y.F.U. Thursday 8:00 p.m.—Prayer Meeting. A welcome to all.

The United Church
Rev. F. C. Overend, B.A., Minister.
10 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. John A. McDermid of Grand Valley, will conduct the services.

St. John's, Stewarttown
Rev. S. R. Colebrook, Rector.
2 p.m.—Sunday School.
3 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

St. Stephen's, Hornby
Rev. F. J. Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion.

St. Paul's, Noval
1:30 p.m.—Sunday School.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

Knox Presbyterian Church
D. D. Davidson, M.A., Minister.
Morning service 11 a.m.
Evening service 7 p.m.

Holy Cross R. C. Church
Rev. Fr. J. L. McBride
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays—Mass at 11 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sunday—Mass at 9 a.m.

Glen Williams United Church
R. K. Lemay
2 p.m.—Church School.
7 p.m.—Worship.
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JUNIOR RED CROSS RE-ORGANIZED AT PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Georgetown Public School "Willing Workers" Branch of the Junior Red Cross was re-organized in October with the following executive:—
President—Norman Long
Vice-President—Peggy Kelly
Secretary—Velma Lane
Circulation Manager Michael Lorusso
Farm Representatives—Clifford Norton, Margaret Sargent and Clare Burns.
Two very worthwhile meetings have been held in the Assembly Hall of the school, the pupils taking complete charge of the programmes. At the first meeting the staff and pupils were honoured with the presence of Mayor Gibbons, who addressed the school, stressing the duties of the boys and girls as young Canadian citizens. At the second meeting, Dr. Bateman was present and spoke to the pupils on First Aid, during which he gave a demonstration of artificial respiration.
The pupils are to be congratulated on the enthusiasm which they have shown in the Red Cross Work. A total of \$31.50 has already been raised, partly by individual donations, and partly from the sale of baskets, collected by the pupils from the homes of the town. Out of the above total, the society has made donations to the "Senior Red Cross of our town, and to the fund for "Crippled Children", and the fund for "Refugee Children," through the Junior Red Cross Headquarters at Toronto.
The Branch is looking forward with interest to further activity in the New Year.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Of the Estate of MALCOLM McKEERAN, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, Gentleman, deceased.
ALL PERSONS having claims against the Estate of the said Malcolm McKerran, who died on or about the 1st day of October, 1940, at the Town of Georgetown, are required to send to the undersigned executor or its solicitor on or before the 4th day of December, 1940, full particulars of their claims and any securities they may hold therefor.
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