

# Canada War at War

A Weekly Review of Developments on the Home Front: March 6 - 13, 1941

1. Government plans announced to reduce wheat production. Limit of 330,000,000 bushels set on wheat deliveries in crop year beginning August 1st. Bonus to farmers of \$4 an acre for reduced wheat acreage put into summer fallow or \$2 an acre for reduced wheat acreage put into coarse grains; continuance of quota system with quotas based on 65 per cent of 1940 acreage; continuance of storage payments to producers but only on undelivered portion of 230,000,000 bushels; no change in processing levy at 15 cents a bushel; continuance of guaranteed initial payment of 70 cents a bushel.

2. To harness all industrial resources to war needs, the Dominion is being organized into industrial zones, each with a chairman and committee to work in conjunction with the Department of Munitions and Supply. Zone committees will collect and maintain current industrial information and on request advise the Department. Organization work in the zones will be in the hands of the Canadian Manufacturers Association and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

3. Canada's shipbuilding programme grows apace. Approximately 30,000 men now employed in Canadian shipyards against 1,500 when war began. A total of 104 keels of steel ships and of 380 wooden ships laid down. Number of experienced men on way to Canada from Great Britain to help in destroyer programme.

4. F. A. Willsher, chairman of Board of Steamship Inspection, Department of Transport, appointed technical advisor, Shipbuilding Branch, Department of Munitions and Supply.

5. Thirty thousand now training in war work vocational schools. All training centres working at least two shifts a day. Some working three shifts or 24 hours a day.

6. Tom Moore, president, Trades and Labour Council, invited to become chairman of National Employment Committee to assist Unemployment Insurance Commission in advisory capacity.

7. F. H. Brown appointed associate director general of the Munitions Production Branch, Department of Munitions and Supply.

Mr. Brown serves without remuneration. He is one of the superintendents of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.

8. Contracts awarded during the week ended February 28th by the Department of Munitions and Supply, numbered 1,133 and totalled \$10,355,474.

9. Canada's war cost for the financial year beginning April 1, now estimated at \$1,450,426,069. This is \$150,426,069 in excess of the \$1,300,000,000 appropriation Bill before Parliament, and comprises: National Defence, \$1,236,656,176; Munitions and Supply, \$180,456,422; other departments, \$33,313,471—total, \$1,450,426,069.

10. Subscriptions to Canada's interest-bearing loan totalled \$6,009,185 to March 10th. February subscriptions include one of \$1,000,000 from Austin Taylor, Vancouver. This is the second single subscription for \$1,000,000 the previous one being from Eralone Mills, Ltd., Vancouver, of which Mr. Taylor is president. Pacific Mills Ltd., Vancouver, entered another subscription for \$500,000, making its investment in non-interest bearing certificates \$1,000,000.

11. Reports from 774 committees out of 1,857 show that 1,204,422 persons have pledged themselves to make regular purchases of war savings certificates for the duration of the war.

12. John Hall Kelly, Canadian Minister to Erie, died in Dublin. Wing Commander McNab, who led the first fighter squadron of the R.C.A.F. in the Battle of London, arrives in Canada.

13. Sunday, March 23, set aside as Day of Prayer throughout Canada, coinciding with National Day of Prayer in United Kingdom "on behalf of the nation and Empire, their Allies and the cause in which they are united."

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## Modern Furniture Uses New Test Tube Products

Modern furniture designers are turning to the test tube instead of the forest for inspiration in fashioning the love seats and chaise longue that will decorate the smartly modern American home.

This year's furniture fashions, recent exhibits show, are using synthetic concoctions from the scientist's laboratory; have borrowed tweed fabrics which formerly went into topcoats for use as upholstery materials and even have gone to the jungle for rubber cushions to replace the down so long supplied by our feathered friends.

Glass, which is probably the world's first synthetic material, this year has come to the fore as a suitable substance for all types of furniture, including chairs, dining room tables, beds, dressers, fire screens and scores of other items. Overcoming earlier criticism that it was too modernistic, bent plate glass has been accepted by many leading designers as an ideal material for furniture which is not only attractive, but also comfortable.

In the new mode, polished plate glass appears in curved shapes to form the legs for tables, the backs of chairs, and even divan supports.

Likewise, plastic materials are employed for numerous purposes in the new furniture designs. Some are gaily colored; others woven to give realistic effects. This type is particularly adaptable for outdoor furniture. The milky sap of the rubber tree, whipped to a foam-like consistency, and permeated with holes for ventilation, is being used today for upholstered furniture and mattresses.

Glass and plastics, however, are not the only news in the 1940 furniture presentations. Wrought iron and aluminum also have caught the fancy of the furniture designer and authorities predict that if the present trend continues the day may not be far distant when American homes will be furnished completely with glass and metal furniture which will vividly express the modern streamlined era.

## "IN OUR MAIL BAG"

R. R. 2 Georgetown, Thursday, Mar. 13th.

To the Editor of the Georgetown Herald.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for sending the Herald to my boys. You haven't an idea how much it is appreciated by the boys. I know it meant a great deal to the boy in Iceland and filled in a gap in that northerly outpost. The Icelanders had rounded up the sheep and got their pointers home from the mountains before he was moved to England late last year. He was very glad to get there and hear the English language once more. He went to London on one leave and to his aunt's at Sherwood, Nottingham for his leave in February. He does not mention seeing any of the local boys, although they were in the same place. He has changed his address from "L. Forces" to Pte. H. Dickenson, B67006, - 1st Bn. Royal Regiment of Canada, 1st Cdn. Infantry Holding Unit, Canadian Army Overseas.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. E. Dickenson.

March 9, 1941.  
Editor, Georgetown Herald.

Dear Sir:

Yesterday, Saturday 8th, I received my usual copy of the Herald, and after reading it, as usual, passed it on to the rest of the boys.

We were not only surprised but humiliated, when we read a letter in the "Editor's Corner" written by Gdms. C. E. Stacey, supposed to be signed by 7 of the boys, under the heading "news from the north."

This letter was not written for 7 of the boys, and not one of the 7 knew that it had been sent.

It is quite true, that we are a long way from so called civilization. But we have a good camp, about 200 good soldiers; three excellent meals per day, lots of reading matter, a good supply in the canteen, dry, and also a little stove over the track (in a shack) that keeps a remarkable stock. Skiing and snowshoeing, some of the boys have been out shooting (not Germans!). We are on the main line of the C.P.R. and have a mail delivery each day, Sunday included.

The only thing we need is correspondence from home, and most of the boys seem to get it.

I know, I feel a little deficient when I am expecting a letter, and my name is not called out.

For the benefit of the Brant Fishing Club, I might add, we are waiting for a break in the weather. We have lots of waters around here, that have never been fished.

Yours sincerely,  
Gdms. W. F. Smith,  
Gdms. E. R. McGill,  
Gdms. A. Taylor,  
Gdms. J. Murray,  
Gdms. G. Perry,  
Gdms. A. Roney,  
Gdms. John R. Smith.

## Doctor's Butterfly Hobby Pays Sons' Way in College

Dr. Charles J. Wehr of Bellevue, Ohio, paid the college tuition of his two sons with butterflies, which he had collected for more than 30 years.

He supplied Findlay college with a collection of the insects for its biology department to pay the tuition of his eldest son.

"That seemed like a good idea," Dr. Wehr said, "so when my next son was ready for college, I sent a similar, but more complete, collection to Adelbert college of Western Reserve university in Cleveland—my alma mater."

Dr. Wehr began his collection of butterflies—which now numbers more than 18,000—when he was put in charge of a summer camp while still a medical student.

"Among the campers were many high school students who had been instructed by their biology teachers to collect and mount specimens of any insects they could find," Dr. Wehr said. "I became so interested that I decided to start a collection of my own. That was in the summer of 1900—and I'm still at it, and as interested as ever."

Dr. Wehr's collection includes specimens from all over the world. "A butterfly collector must have friends all over the world if his collection is to be complete," he said. "The Philippine section of my collection was contributed by my nephews in the Philippines."

Frederick Springer, an artist friend from Cuba, brought the physician a large Cuban collection when he visited him recently.

"Naturally the most beautiful specimens come from the tropics," Dr. Wehr said. "I went to Florida two years ago and came back with more than 1,000 beautiful moths."

Fish Sleep, Don't Hear

The questions "Can fish hear?" and "Do fish sleep?" are often asked, says Maj. George Cornwallis-West, ardent angler in his fishy book, "Edwardians Go Fishing."

"I am convinced that they do sleep," the major declares. "After all, why should not a fish require rest as much as any other creature which has to expend energy on seeking its food?"

On the other hand: "A fish cannot hear," he reports decisively. "Obviously ears are given to animals primarily to assist them to communicate with each other, and as fish make no sound, Nature has seen no reason to give them facilities to listen to conversations which don't take place!"

The oldest fishing club in the world—unless you know one older—is the Fish Club "inaugurated in 1730, on the Schuylkill, tributary of the Delaware river, near Philadelphia, under the Hon. Thomas Stretch," to quote Major Cornwallis-West.

"Some years ago I found myself in Philadelphia," reminisces the major. "By courtesy of the members I was able to look through some of the old records, which I found most entertaining." In 1832, the Fish club celebrated its first centenary, and many were the toasts drunk, including one to the memory of Isaac Walton, and another to the ladies. "The Fair—that when angling for hearts may their hooks ever be baited with modesty and good nature."

Gentlemen—a bumper!

## CHURCH NEWS

**St. George's Church**  
Rev. W. G. O. Thompson, Rector.  
Mothering Sunday:  
Holy Communion  
8 a.m. Sunday school  
10 a.m. Matins and  
Litanies 11 a.m. Evensong 7 p.m.  
The preacher at Matins will be Rev. E. Arnold Brooke, of Acton.

Wednesday, 2.50. Intercessions.  
Thursday, 7.30. Lenten Evensong.  
On Sunday last, both morning and evening, the Rector read the Bishop's letter, summoning all people, in the name of the King, to solemn prayer next Sunday.

**St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams**  
Mothering Sunday:  
Sunday School 2.00 p.m.  
Evensong 3 p.m.  
The Bishop's letter was read from the pulpit on Sunday last. It conveyed the King's call to prayer for Sunday, March 23rd. The Rector expressed a strong opinion that the churches of the Glen should be full to overflowing, and that people who could come, and didn't, were not putting forth the fullest effort they could for victory.

**The United Church**  
Rev. P. C. Overend, B.A., Minister.  
10.30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes.  
11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. Morning and evening worship conducted by the minister.

**Baptist Church**  
2 p.m. Sunday School.  
7 p.m. Evening service. Mr. Sid. Johnson, of Toronto, will preach.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m. B.Y.P.U.  
Thursday, 8 p.m. prayer meeting.  
A welcome to all.

**St. John's Church, Stewarttown**  
Rev. S. E. Colbrook, Rector.  
2 p.m. Sunday School.  
3 p.m. Evening prayer.

**St. Stephen's Church, Harnby**  
11 a.m. Morning prayer.

**St. Paul's Church, Norval**  
1.30 p.m. Sunday School.  
7.30 p.m. Evening prayer.  
Special prayer and intercession for Great Britain and the Empire will be offered at the above services.

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

**Holy Cross Church**  
Rev. Fr. J. L. McBride  
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays—Mass at 11 a.m.  
2nd and 4th Sundays—Mass at 9 a.m.  
During Lent: "Way of Cross" Friday 7.30 p.m.

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with Laurel and Hardy  
Disney "Mr. Duck Steps Out." Fox News

Saturday, March 22 — "IT'S IN THE AIR"  
with Britain's No. 1 comedian, George Formby  
Crime Doesn't Pay "You the People."  
Cartoon "King for a Day."  
Chapter 12 "The Green Archer."  
Matinee at 3 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25 and 26  
"DR. KILDARE GOES HOME"  
Low Ayres, Laraine Day, Lionel Barrymore  
Musical "Tickled Pinky."  
Cartoon "Egg Collector."  
Pete Smith "See for Yourself."

**BORN**  
WILSON—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson (nee Verna Joe) are happy to announce the birth of a daughter (Joy Ann) at Quelp General Hospital, March 9th, 1941.

**DIED**  
MUCKART—On Saturday, March 16, 1941, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Jessie Fraser Muckart, beloved wife of the late Benjamin Muckart, and mother of George R. Muckart, of Georgetown, in her 77th year.

Funeral took place from the Ross Craig Funeral Home, Queen and Dunn Avenue, Toronto, on Monday, March 17th, with interment at Brampton Cemetery.

**MARRIED**  
HEPBURN—McDONALD—In Erin, on Saturday, March 16th, 1941, by Rev. Kenneth T. Norris—Evelyn Dorothy daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald, of Georgetown, to Vincent Melrose, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hephurn, of Everton.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
TOST—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Henry Tost, who passed away March 16th, 1940. He suffered patiently and long. His hope was bright, his faith was strong. The peace of Jesus filled his breast. And in His arms he sank to rest.

Sadly missed by his wife and two sons, Fred and David.

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Fast action calls for a fast shutter—but when the subjects come diagonally toward the camera, the shutter speed can be slower than for a "broadside" view. This diagonal view, also yields more pleasing pictures.

THESE days, fast-moving winter sports offer camera fans nearly as many action-picture opportunities as the summer months... and the modern high speed films, fast lenses, and fast shutters have broadened the field of winter sport photography.

Summer or winter, the methods of action photography are much the same—and it's a thrilling activity regardless of the season. But to get pictures of swift, genuine action, you must have a camera with the proper shutter equipment—that is, a top speed of 1/200 second, 1/200, or faster.

Shutters even faster are made, but the action experts prefer to use the lowest speed that the action allows—because then they can use a relatively smaller lens opening, which gives a deeper zone of sharp focus. That insures a sharp picture even when the subject is a bit nearer the camera, or a bit farther away.

This is one reason why so many fast-action shots are taken with the subjects coming toward the camera. The motion is less rapid—compared to a subject shooting straight across

In front of the lens—and so, a slower shutter speed can be used. A 45-degree diagonal view of a moving subject calls for a shutter speed only half as rapid (compared to the same subject in a broadside view).

There's another reason, too. The diagonal or "quartering" view offers a more pleasing effect with most subjects. The picture above shows a diagonal view. The camera was also held low, to outline the subjects against the sky; and a yellow color filter was used on the lens.

For pictures of skiers, people on a toboggan, and subjects on the brow of a hill, this low-angle view is best. For skaters, hockey games, and the like, a high position looking down on the rink shows things more effectively.

Even if you don't have a fast-action camera, there are many places of winter sports that you can picture. In fact, some action scenes can be posed—with the subject quite still—yet be quite realistic.

But for true, genuine sports action, caught "on the run," a camera with high speed shutter and fast lens is always the correct equipment.

John van Gelder