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**The Editor's Corner**

**THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESS**

Commencing next week, we begin a series of nine editorials, prepared for the member papers of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, by B. H. Mortlock, associate editor of the Brampton Conservator.

Commenting on his reasons for writing the editorials, Mr. Mortlock makes the observation:

"There is considerable ignorance as to the position and prerogatives of the press in the area it serves. This lack of knowledge is almost entirely the fault of the press itself, because it has neglected the important duty of making its readers conversant with the fundamental principles involved in the publication of a community newspaper. The series seeks to make amends for the omissions of the past, and to present in simple language an explanation of the main relationships between the newspaper, its readers, its community, and its associations with organizations, business groups and institutions within the realm it seeks to serve."

The nine phases to be discussed are: The Freedom of the Press, The Press and Governments, The Press and the Churches, The Press and the Advertiser, The Press and Propaganda, The Functions of an Editor, The Functions of a Reporter, The Press and Local History, and The Guarantee of Freedom. We sincerely hope that our readers will carefully study and digest the series, because we believe that it will give them a new understanding of their local newspaper, and the historical purpose of its mission in the community.

**MIGHTY OAKS**

This week we pass the second month of the Herald War Victims' Fund, with a grand total to date of \$466.82. It has been gratifying to see the co-operation given by district people in their donations to this Fund, which is an offshoot of The Toronto Evening Telegram's Fund which recently reached the half million mark.

A letter reaches us this week from C. O. Knowles, editor of the Telegram, expressing his appreciation of the support that Herald readers are giving the fund.

"In this connection, may I assure you that in your work for this fund such facilities as the Telegram may provide—editorial matter, pictures, etc. are at your disposal," says Mr. Knowles.

"If there is some outstanding event being planned in your centre, you might like to have a photographer and a reporter from the Telegram assist in its coverage. If so, please advise us in advance, and we shall do everything possible to co-operate with you."

Thanks, Mr. Knowles, and perhaps some of our readers will take you up on the offer. We are sure there will be no limit to the mighty oak which is growing from the little acorn planted in Georgetown two months ago.

**WEY DID YOU GO?**  
 I don't know why you had to go  
 And leave me here alone,  
 So all alone with none like you  
 To call me all your own.  
 With none to share my joys and hopes,  
 And share my sorrows, too,  
 You, who could always understand,  
 As no one else can do.  
 You, with your loving sympathy,  
 Your smiles, like some sweet song,  
 Brought hope and cheer and gladness,  
 Too,  
 When things sometimes went wrong.  
 You, who, when trouble bedged me in,  
 Ture all the fence down,  
 And led me out to brighter moods,  
 To wear a joy-jewelled crown.  
 But now you're gone, my sorrow's full,  
 For you alone I yearn,  
 And all my sadness multiplies,  
 Because you'll not return.  
 —RALPH GORDON  
 628 Crawford St., Toronto.

**WHAT HAVE YOU IN THE HOUSE?**  
 What have you in the house?  
 So asked the Man of God one day  
 And she, though but a widow poor,  
 Took meal and oil from her mean store  
 And baked a cake without dismay  
 Then God reached out His hand to bless  
 And ne'er the meal and oil grew less.  
 "What have you in the house?"  
 One evening time in Galilee  
 The Saviour of the world asked thus  
 Of fisherfolk. Five round loaves  
 plus  
 Just two small fish, how could this be  
 Enough? The Father blessed the bread  
 And, lo, the multitude was fed.  
 "What have you in the house?"  
 A Scottish castle wall was marred  
 And Edwin Landseer took his brush  
 And painted there a stag and lush  
 Green things. The place that once  
 was scarred  
 Became a waterfall, and so,  
 From ugliness came beauty's glow.  
 "What have you in the house?"  
 Of all, the Lord this question asks  
 With halting tongue we cry to Thee,  
 So small the talents, Lord, have we  
 For 'em the ordinary tasks,  
 Forgetting our ability  
 Plus God becomes divinity.  
 "What have you in the house?"  
 May we, O Lord, our talents use  
 To mirror Thy reflected men  
 Within the souls of men, and then  
 Into our store of gifts infuse  
 Thy power. These two things combined  
 Will prove unbeatable well find.  
 —Daisy L. Cobbett.

**TIME TABLE CHANGES**  
 SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1941  
 For information from Agents  
**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**

**Entrance Point Pelee, National Park, Ontario**



Stretching southward into the blue waters of Lake Erie, Point Pelee National Park, although one of the smallest, is one of the most interesting of Canada's National Playgrounds. Situated in the southwest corner of the province, in the County of Essex, the park forms the most southerly extension of the mainland in Canada. It is almost in the same latitude as the northern boundary of the State of California—a fact which comes as a surprise to those who have been accustomed to thinking of Canada in terms of the far-north. The area of the park is six square miles.

The region is one of unusual physical charm, supporting rich growths of semi-tropical vegetation, including species which intrude from the south and are rarely found in such northern latitudes. Broad sand beaches, extending miles along the shoreline, provide exceptional opportunities for bathing; and in shady groves of oak, maple, and red cedar, sites for camping have been laid out. The park lies within one of the main routes followed by waterfowl and other birds on their northern and southern migrations, and is one of the most important bird sanctuaries in Eastern Canada. Located within an hour's drive of such great industrial centres as Windsor and Detroit, it provides a summer playground for thousands who come to enjoy its unrivalled opportunities for outdoor life and recreation.

Formed by the action of the waves and currents of Lake Erie, Point Pelee is a low triangular sand spit about nine miles long and six miles across the base. Its maximum elevation is about ten feet, and as a result its sandy loam soil receives an abundance of moisture. Along the western shore and in the southern part it is heavily forested. In the northern section are large areas of marshland, dotted with a number of small lakes and ponds. In the early days of Great Lakes navigation, sailing ships found shelter from storms within the lee of the point. The ponds also provided a short water route across the point for voyageurs and others desiring to avoid the high winds and dangerous currents which sometimes prevail at the extreme end.

Point Pelee is associated with events in the early history of Canada, and a stone cairn with bronze tablets has been erected on the western shore to honour the memory of pioneers and soldiers whose adventurous spirits brought them to the region in years gone by. Among the events so commemorated is the visit in 1670 of the missionary explorers, Fathers Dollard and Gailine, who encamped on the point. They were the first Europeans known to have ascended the Great Lakes to what is now Sault Ste. Marie. On the beach also occurred the massacre in 1763 of a detachment of British soldiers under Lieutenant Abraham

Cuyler, which was ambushed by a party of Wyandots while proceeding to the relief of Detroit during the Pontiac Indian uprising.

In the variety and extent of its flora, the park provides veritable paradise for students of natural history. Red oak, white elm, red maple, white pine and the red cedar grow in abundance, and provide delightful shade. Sycamore, sassafras, hackberry, and blue ash, species usually found in more southern areas, also thrive along with basswood, ironwood, chestnut oak, buttonwood, and shagbark hickory. Shrubs and bushes such as choke and sand cherry, service berry, raspberry, gooseberry, juniper, bearberry, stumach and dogwood are common. Field pea, a species rare in Canada, grows in open meadows, and wild grape and other vines drape in primitive tangles over trees and bushes.

Numerous small mammals which find a home in the park include red fox, raccoon, skunk, woodchuck, rabbit, and squirrel. Bird life—cardinal, Carolina Wren, Baltimore oriole, mockingbird, towhee, and several species of warbler—is abundant in summer. Beautifully plumaged ring-necked pheasants are year-round residents. The park marshes, which contain hundreds of acres of wild rice, afford food and shelter during the spring and fall migrations to thousands of waterfowl, including Canada geese, wild ducks,

and swans. Muskrats are very numerous in the marshes, as are also turtles and other forms of wild life.

More than thirteen miles of broad, silvery beaches shelving gradually into the lake provide bathing under ideal conditions. Bathing, however, are requested not to venture to the end of the point, where strong currents are prevalent. A large bathroom situated on the western beach is at the disposal of visitors, and a refreshment booth is operated nearby. A number of selected camping areas have been laid out in groves of trees along the western side of the park, and equipped with shelters, camp-stoves, tables, benches, fire-wood, and wells are available to visitors on payment of a small fee. The park highway traverses the park from the northern gateway to within a short distance of the end of the point, winding through shady forests which provide a delightful drive.

The present industrial expansion of large centres of population in Southwestern Ontario adds importance to Point Pelee National Park as a convenient recreational area. Beneath its shady trees and along its sandy beaches tired business men and women, factory workers, and indeed whole families will seek escape from the noise and turmoil of modern city life. There they will rest and play in the cool breezes of Lake Erie, amidst surroundings that are at once an inspiration and tonic to the nerves. Lucky indeed are those who can afford time to enjoy this leafy haven, even for a few short days respite from their duties, which requires them to spend most of the hot summer months in the busy environment of crowded towns or cities.

**Canada War at War**

A Weekly Review of Developments on the Home Front: April 3 - 10, 1941

Germany's drive through the Balkans to the Aegean, the capture of Salonika and the growing intensity of the Battle of the Atlantic marked over the week a deepening crisis. Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King postponed for a few days his scheduled visit to President Roosevelt. The House of Commons rose April 9 to April 28 but can be quickly called by telegraph if circumstances demand.

1. Ministers of Defence, Air and Navy make joint radio appeal for recruits. Upwards of 116,000 men will be needed to reinforce Canada's armed forces during the year. Of man power required during 1941, army will absorb about 72,000; air force 35,000; navy 9,000 officers and men.

2. Royal assent given to Bills empowering the government to spend \$1,550,000,000 for war and non-war purposes.

Total comprises: \$1,300,000 war appropriation for 1941-42; \$135,000,000 additional war expenditure in 1940-41; 78,000,000 supplementary estimates for non-war administration in 1940-41; \$37,000,000 interim supply being one-sixth of total main non-war estimates for 1941-42.

3. Parliamentary notice of Government amendments to Excess Profits Tax. Amendments do not change essential character of measures which imposes levy of 75 per cent on all profits earned in excess of a pre-war standard.

4. Government company established to concentrate on expanding merchant ship building in Canada. H. R. MacMillan of Vancouver heads new company. To take over new duties, Mr. MacMillan resigns chairmanship of Wartime Requirements Board.

5. Arrangements made for creation of a Polish armed force in Canada for ultimate service overseas. Canadian Government to give full cooperation in establishment of the force.

6. Business operations in Canada according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics recorded a gain of about 15.5 per cent in the first two months of 1941 over the same period in 1940. National income rose to \$4,784 million in 1940, recording a gain of \$375 million over the \$4,409 million established in the preceding year. The tentative estimate of national income in the first two months of this year was \$435 million. This was 9.2 per cent or \$69 million above the level in the same period of 1940.

7. British Government will require at least 28,000,000 pounds of bacon and ham from Canada in the year beginning November 1, 1940, in addition to the 425,000,000 pounds provided in the agreement.

(Additional amount will bring total expected shipments to 453,000,000 pounds against 330,000,000 shipped to Great Britain in the year ended October 31, 1940.)

8. Contracts awarded by the Department of Munitions and Supply during the week ended March 28 numbered 1716 and totalled \$13,056,855.

(Shipbuilding and aircraft again called for the larger orders. The Orland Trunk Pacific Development Company, Montreal, gets a shipbuilding order of \$1,320,000; Midland Shipyards Ltd., Midland, Ontario, one of \$1,180,000. An aircraft order of \$5,000,000 goes to the Boeing Aircraft Company of Canada Limited, Vancouver.)

9. Pay increases granted to R. C. M. P. minimum increase, 50 cents per day for constables.

10. Lester C. Christie, Canadian Minister to Washington, passes away in New York hospital.

The office of Minister to Washington was recently taken over by Leighton McCarthy, K.C., Toronto.

11. Canadian armed merchant cruiser intercepts two German merchant ships in South Pacific. Enemy vessels scuttled by their crews.

It's not too late to begin "Hawk in the Wind," Helen Topping Miller's new novel of the Caribbean. On page 7 of this issue.

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 Passenger and Mail ... 10:02 a.m.  
 Passenger, Saturday  
 Only ... 2:37 p.m.  
 Passenger and Mail ... 6:45 p.m.  
 Passenger, Sunday only ... 8:21 p.m.  
 Passenger, daily ... 9:41 p.m.  
 Toronto and beyond  
 Going West  
 Passenger and Mail ... 6:34 a.m.  
 Passenger, Saturday only ... 1:15 p.m.  
 Passenger, daily except  
 Saturday and Sunday ... 6:09 p.m.  
 Passenger and Mail ... 6:45 p.m.  
 Passenger, Saturday and  
 Sundays only ... 11:30 p.m.

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 Standard Time  
 Going West  
 Passenger and Mail ... 6:34 a.m.  
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**C. N. R.**  
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 Standard Time  
 Going North  
 Passenger and Mail ... 6:45 a.m.  
 Going South  
 Passenger and Mail ... 6:00 p.m.  
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