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The Editor's Corner

RED CROSS APPEALS FOR WORKERS

While in the midst of our Victory Loan Campaign to raise funds for prosecution of the war, we must not forget the role that the Red Cross Society is playing and the good work being performed among soldiers and civilians.

Following is an article submitted to us by the Secretary of the Georgetown Branch of the Society, which we commend to the particular attention of our women readers.

AN APPEAL

The falling off of shipments of all supplies coming into the warehouse necessitates an appeal to branches to realize the need of immediate effort. The following is a message from Mrs. W. R. Campbell, National Chairman of Women's War Work Committee:—

"As we have been fortunate enough to secure some additional shipping space for the month of June and are most anxious to get as much civilian clothing and knitted comforts overseas as can possibly be managed, will you urge your members to redouble their efforts and ship everything you possibly can to the warehouse at your earliest convenience.

It is earnestly hoped that there will be no slackening on the part of our workers since the need grows more urgent hourly and since we must do our utmost to encourage the people of Britain by our gifts, which we KNOW are being so gratefully received and which really mean so much more than just clothes.

We beseech Canadian women to rally to the cause of our brave defenders and while we realize that it is a difficult time of year for many people, it should be remembered that for them the war is gathering momentum and for us it is little enough to give a few hours each day to a job we can still accomplish from the safety of comfortable workrooms or the shelter of our homes."

Women of the Red Cross! Work, knit, sew, pray. The men, women and children of Britain deserve no less of us.

The Executive of the Georgetown Branch feel that the above appeal is applicable to our Branch here as elsewhere, that there has been a slackening to our worker's efforts for some time past. All our work now is allotted by quota, and at times we have felt that the quota sent to us has been rather difficult for some of our workers, but with each has come the appeal "Before you refuse this work, please consider the great need of the people of Britain." In the face of that appeal, we can only do our best, and would ask for the hearty co-operation of our workers in every department, so that when our work is allotted to us we will rally round constantly and deliver the goods. Excellent work has been done by this Branch in the past. Let us do no less now, nor in the future.

WAR LOAN IN FINAL WEEK
As the Victory Loan 1941 drive rolls on to its final week all indications point to a successful reaching of the objective, and a reaffirmation of the solid backing that Canada is giving to Great Britain in her battle for the freedom of the world.

In this effort, Georgetown is playing her part nobly. Local citizens have been generous in lending their money to the government, and helping to reach the quota set for them. Merchants have granted window space for special displays; townspeople have decked their homes with flags in response to the Mayor's appeal for patriotic decorations during the term of the drive; Georgetown's Loan parade was second to none in the county, with a huge turn-out to see the floats and hear the speeches.

Yes, Georgetown is once more showing that her citizens do not lag in supporting worth-while causes, and living up to her record of patriotism.

WHY NOT A RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION ?

The recent appeal to Council for the hiring of a night constable to replace Pie, W. Emmerson, on leave of absence for active service, shows the need of a ratepayers' association in a municipality. Such an association could play a very important part in bringing before Council suggested improvements, reforms, etc. in the town. It would have the advantage of showing Council that a majority of the ratepayers were in favour of this or that scheme, and give them some guidance as to the feelings of the voting public.

It is the merchants, and the merchants alone, who are responsible for the hiring of Constable R. Marchmont to patrol our streets at night. While public opinion never as we could judge from talking to various private citizens, favoured the hiring of a night man, it is true that the petition submitted contained only names of merchants, and that it was merchants only who made up both delegations which appeared before the Council.

A ratepayers' association could act as a clearing house for many small matters which now are brought to the Council's attention by individuals, or all too often, never are formally presented for their consideration. Requests submitted by a recognized group such as this, would commend the Council's attention much more than those coming from private persons.

THE PRESS AND LOCAL HISTORY

(No. 8 of a series of articles prepared for C.W.N.A. member papers by B. H. Mortlock, associate editor of the Brampton Conservator).

Few people, as they read their weekly newspapers realize that they are reading perhaps the only contemporary history of their community it is possible to read. It is doubtful too if they realize that as each issue gets old, the more valuable it becomes, and that the old files of a newspaper are from a historical standpoint, of incalculable worth.

The newspaper files are the most authentic history of the community available. They tell the story of the community's life as it happens. Past history is important to those who live in the present. Those of us who live in modern surroundings are sometimes apt to forget the sacrifices of those who made the community what it is today. It is not so very long ago when the territory served by weekly newspapers was a virgin forest or prairie, untouched by the hand of the white man. It was a territory upon which the plow-point had never turned a furrow, a wild and beautiful country in its natural state. In the meantime men have worked, and schemed and planned and today we have every modern convenience, churches, schools, libraries, theatres, electric lights, sewers, sidewalks, paved streets and a hundred and one other conveniences our forefathers never dreamed of. These things did not come about by chance or by natural evolution. They came about because men toiled ceaselessly to leave behind them a better world than that into which they came. Their devotion, their struggles, their initiative and determination should be an inspiration to succeeding generations. And the record of their achievements appears in the files of the local newspapers, and that is why they are such valuable records of the triumphs of the pioneers.

Few people who contribute to the news columns of the newspaper are aware that they are contemporary historians. They are chronicling the events of community life for posterity, and generations hence will read the story they have told, and from the struggles of this day they will gain inspiration for the struggles of their day. The newspaper preserves the story of our ideals, our problems and our lives, and those who contribute to the news columns of their local newspaper are therefore doing a valuable service for "those who follow in their wake."

For this reason it is essential that contributors write so that the reader twenty-five or fifty years hence may understand the import of the story. For instance some writers are apt to consider a story as of interest only to their particular organization, rather than to the community as a whole. Occasionally one reads an item about a young people's meeting in which John does this, and Mary does that. To the average reader this doesn't convey anything even at the time, and it would convey still less a quarter of a century after it is written. If the same organization wanted to check back for historical purposes many years after John and Mary would not convey to them who were the active members of their group in by-gone days.

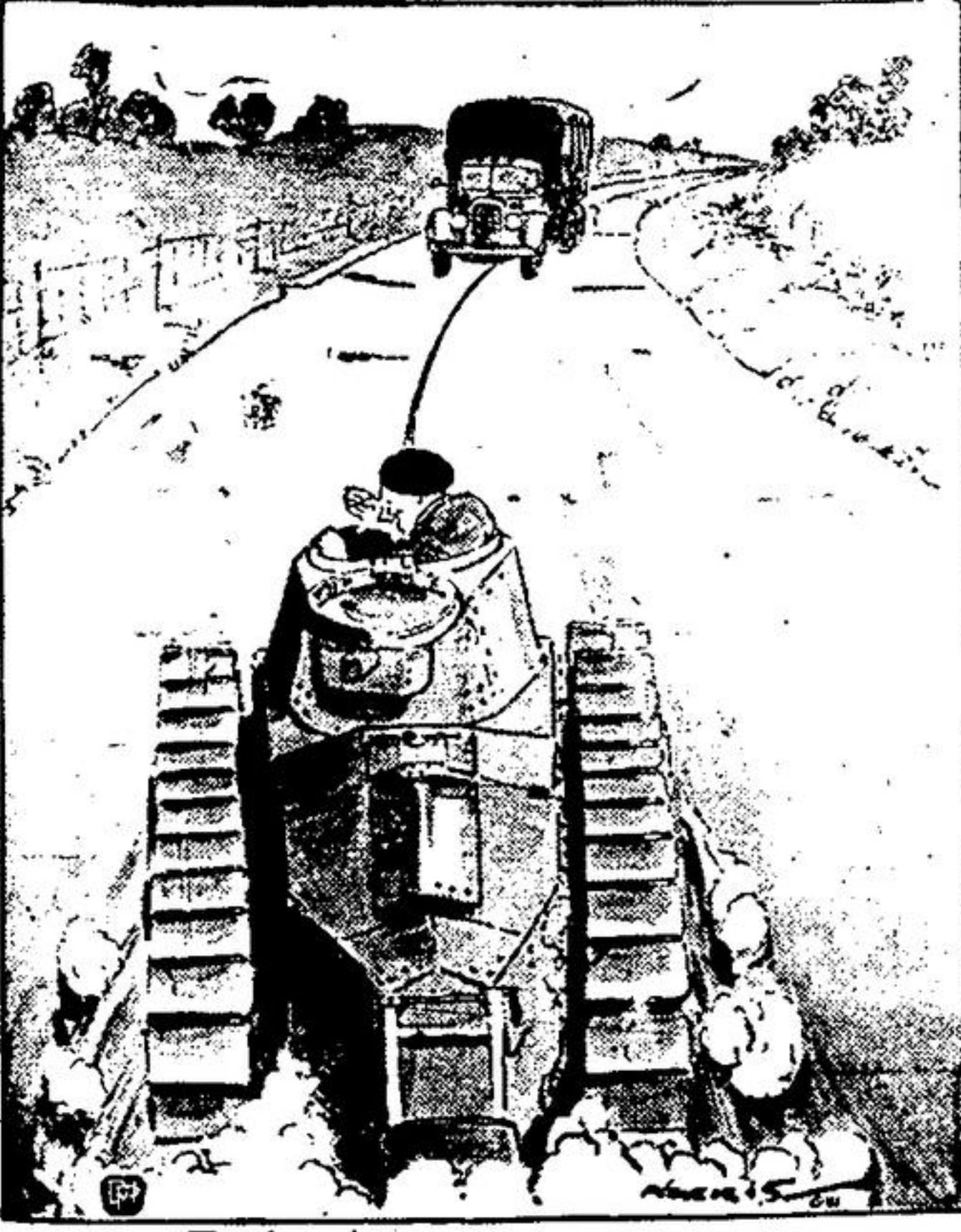
The newspaper is truly the archives of the community, and as such, is of increasing value to the community as its files grow older. The readers are therefore personally a part of the newspaper, because their contributions to its columns are helping to record the history of the age in which they live.

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MINUTE MINIATURES

Brief backgrounds in the careers of Canada's Captains of War.



Major-General Ernest W. Sansom, D.S.O.
Officer Commanding Canada's First Armoured Division

Major-General Ernest William Sansom, D.S.O. commands Canada's 1st Armoured Division, slated to proceed overseas during 1941. A man's man and "pukka Staff" man, he is an Imperial Army ranker. He is considered an ideal division commander.

General Sansom is a "Herring Choker," born and reared in New Brunswick, son of Major John Edwin Sansom of Stanley. Coming from a long line of military ancestors, it was only natural that he should join his local Militia Unit at an early age. He was commissioned in the Stanley Company of the 71st York Regiment in 1907 at the age of 16.

Through public and high school and working as an engineer in Ontario

when was broke out, Sansom volunteered for service with his old regiment and proceeded to England as a Lieutenant in the 12th Battalion. After a period of instructional duty in England, he crossed to France in 1916 with the 11th Brigade Machine Gun Company. Following the Somme battles in France, he organized the 18th Canadian Machine Gun Company which he commanded with the 4th Division until the formation of the Canadian Machine Gun Corps in 1918 and the end of the war found him commanding the 1st Battalion Canadian Machine Gun Corps. He was awarded the D.S.O. and mentioned in dispatches for general distinction on Active Service.

After the war, Sansom was appointed to the Command of the Royal Canadian Machine Gun Brigade, organized as a unit of the Permanent Force. After the disbandment of this Unit in 1923 he commanded the Machine Gun Wing of the Small Arms School at Comnaught near Ottawa.

He graduated from the Army Staff College, Camberley, England, in 1925 where he trained under Field Marshal Lord Ironside and that well-known British authority on the employment of armoured formations, General Fuller. On his return to Canada he held a wide range of responsible posts including G.S.O. 2 at Halifax and in the Directorate of Military Training at Headquarters in Ottawa; A.A. & Q.M.G. G. Regina; G.S.O. 1, Montreal and Director of Military Training, Defence Headquarters. He was in this Ottawa appointment when the present hostilities broke out.

General Sansom went overseas in December, 1939, with General McNaughton as his Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master General in the 1st Division. When General Crerar returned to Ottawa as Chief of the General Staff, General McNaughton succeeded him as Officer Commanding, Canadian Military Headquarters, London, with General Sansom as Deputy-Adjutant General.

When it was decided to form a 3rd Division, Canada speculated on who would lead it with a human, dramatic interest somehow reserved for the active services only. "Sansom's got the 3rd" was repeated with satisfaction on all sides after the press release of October 22nd last. On March 4th, 1941, he was transferred from the 3rd Division to command Canada's 1st Armoured Division. Looking down from above, officers senior to General Sansom in his past career say of him, "He draws work out of people. He makes a wonderful instructor from every point of view, possesses great knowledge and has an extraordinary way of imparting it to others." "He has no conceit," says another voice. "He knows how to be decent to officers and men under him, and is never a bully, for all he establishes excellent discipline."

The 3rd Division's training has vastly benefited by General Sansom's experience in England. He played his part in Canada's nearest brush to action, as it fell to his lot, during the illness of General Peckros, to prepare the 2nd Brigade for operations in Norway but the operations for which the Canadian were earmarked were cancelled as the troops were ready to embark.

General Sansom has learned the secret of combining hard work and relaxation, stays fit and jolly with a touch of humor that is a symbol of strength in really bad times.

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3 11:45 a.m. 9:15 p.m.
4 2:25 p.m.

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5 9:35 a.m. 6:50 p.m.
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7 2:05 p.m. 6:10 p.m.
8 4:05 p.m. 11:35 p.m.

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