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The Editor's Corner

IS GEORGETOWN WAR CONSCIOUS?

We hear a lot of talk nowadays about: Canada not being war-conscious—that its citizens are taking too much for granted and fooling themselves into believing that Russia's stand against the Axis is relieving us of the burden which we were carrying.

One hundred and fifty men serving overseas, and as many again in training in Canada—the magnificent work completed by the Red Cross Society last year, with a more extensive program planned for the coming year—Victory Loan organization already underway, and a record of success last year which ranked among the finest in the province—Salvage collection by the Lions and school children, a growing force in the community—British War Victims' and Soldiers' Comforts Funds, Legion and Legion W.A., I.O.D.E., Lorne Scots W.A., only a few of the many organizations devoting a large part of their time to war work.

But there is no effort that cannot be exceeded and improved on, and we must not allow ourselves to grow complacent in the thought that we are doing our utmost. There is always a little more that each individual and each organization can do—a few more dollars in War Savings Stamps, an extra donation to a worthy fund, more time spent aiding the war work of some organization. We are fighting a grim battle against an enemy who spares nothing to achieve his aims, and we must match and surpass his efforts with our own if we are to emerge on the winning side.

A LAYMAN'S FEELING

Like the vast majority of our countrymen, we do not profess to be a politician, or to have any do-or-die political beliefs which tie us to one party, right or wrong, for a lifetime. It is seldom that this newspaper indulges in political controversy, because we believe that in war-time especially, we must pull together, regardless of political creed, with a minimum of criticism against the party in power.

We cannot, however, let the present mess at Ottawa pass by, without airing our own views on the situation, and we sincerely hope that many of our readers, whether in agreement or disagreement, will make use of our columns to say what they think. In the first place, we are absolutely against the proposed referendum or plebiscite which the Prime Minister announced in his speech last Thursday. Why are we against it? Because we think it is useless, serves no purpose, and is a waste of valuable time, energy and money.

In essence, Mr. King wants the people to state whether they wish the Government to have a free hand in making decisions which they believe in the best interests of the war effort. He does not seem to realize that the Canadian people have already given him the free hand that he seeks. We have placed our trust in our Government, at the same time keeping an Opposition party to check on its actions, helping where it can, offering constructive criticism where it can, and exposing any behind-the-scenes actions which it feels are in the best interests of the citizens to know.

At the same time, we cannot say that the Conservative party at Ottawa has a clean sheet by any means. Have they functioned in their proper capacity as an Opposition party in war-time? Decidedly not, in our estimation. No sooner was the smoke of the last election cleared away, than the Conservatives hopped right into the fray again, seizing on every mistake made by those in power, magnifying it, and selfishly criticizing to boost their own position. There has been little co-operation from either side to iron out: political differences at home while Canada fights an all-out battle abroad.

And so we say to our Prime Minister and the Liberal Party, take the trust we have placed in you to guide the affairs of Canada through these difficult times, and drop the idea of a referendum. And we say to the Conservative Party, try a little co-operation if you believe the Liberals are doing their best in the war effort, and if you don't think they are, ask for a vote of confidence. We cannot believe that the majority of Liberal members would continue to follow blindly a leader who was making grave mistakes in his conduct of the war effort. An ordinary Canadian citizen is not in a position to judge such vital issues as are now on the agenda at Ottawa. We must trust our leaders to do their best. If they believe selective service is needed, by all means put it in force today. Our Government does not ask us for a referendum on rationing, on price

LeRoy Dale, K.C. Heads District

Red Cross for Third Term

Also for 1942 Members in Present Membership Drive—New Committees Formed to Look After Publicity, Advertising and Special Events

Mr. LeRoy Dale, K.C. was re-elected president of Georgetown Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, at the annual meeting of the organization, which was held in the Public Library last Friday evening.

Mr. P. B. Coffin, as chairman of the Purchasing Committee, gave the report for 1941. \$2179 was spent for the purchase of supplies—\$1225 for wool and \$954 for materials. In addition, the committee looked after five British war greets in the district, and forwarded \$84 to Provincial Dress Quarters collected for the purchase of blank uniforms.

Mr. W. O. Peck, reporting for the Sewing Committee, said that all quotas had been completed, and a new one just begun. About 1100 articles had been completed during the year.

Mrs. Wallace Campbell gave the report for the Knitting Committee—2620 articles made, with 1002 pounds of wool being used.

Mrs. T. L. Campbell, as chairman of the Hospital Committee, said that this work had been reduced during the year, but activity was underway again, and a new quota had been received. The two quotas completed last year comprised 1207 articles altogether.

Mrs. Annie Ryan, reporting for the Shipping Committee, reported 14 shipments, totalling 6232 articles, for the year. She thanked C. E. Parker and W. H. Long for their services to this Committee.

Soldiers' Comforts

Mrs. A. Reeve, President of the Soldiers' Comforts Committee, said that there had been a great increase in the work of this Committee during 1941. The list of local men overseas had grown from 40 to 146. Three shipments of cigarettes, and 146 Christmas parcels were sent and all were received safely overseas. Many letters from the recipients told of the thanks of the men to the community for these remembrances.

President's Report

President Dale was then called upon for his report for the year. He congratulated the chairman of the various committees for their effort, and spoke of the fine co-operation between the members of the Society which had resulted in such a successful year.

The member have had only one objective, he declared, to make as

many articles as they could for Red Cross purposes. While the big end of the work falls on the women, he reminded the meeting that the men can help in money-making, and during the year to come it will be more necessary to raise money in outside work.

He mentioned the membership drive which is in progress, the objective for which had been set at 1000 members. Starting the new year with \$700 on hand, the Society is in good financial shape, but an ever-increasing supply of funds is needed, and the money raised in the membership drive will all be used by the local Society. Last year \$1200 was raised in special projects, and an objective of \$1500 is aimed at this year.

Mr. Dale dwelt on the international aspect of the Red Cross, with headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland. This is recognized by our enemies, and Red Cross representatives are permitted to enter Germany and see that clothing and food sent to prisoners of war, are properly distributed. He made a stirring plea for support from the general public, deprecating the financial sacrifices of Canadians who live in the most favoured country in the world today.

Officers Elected

The following officers were elected for 1942:

Joseph Beaumont, honorary president.

Mrs. Annie Ryan, Mrs. A. W. Nixon, Rev. W. O. O. Thompson, L. E. Peck, honorary vice-presidents.

LeRoy Dale, K.C. president.

Mrs. Yvonne Adams, secretary.

G. W. McLintock, treasurer.

Mrs. P. B. Coffin, 1st vice-president.

Ralph Ross, second vice-president.

Mrs. Roger Guyot, 3rd vice-president.

Executive Committee—10 Committee Chairmen—Mrs. W. K. Watson (purchasing); Mrs. W. O. Peck (sewing); Mrs. P. Cleave (knitting distributing); Mrs. J. J. Gibbons (knitting, receiving); Mrs. T. L. Campbell (hospital); Mrs. A. Ryan (shipping); Mrs. W. V. Grant (publicity); A. C. Welk (advertising); Mrs. Ann Lawson (special projects); a representative from each of five ladies' organizations, W.C.T.U., Local Council of Women, I.O.D.E., Women's Institute and W.A. to the Legion; Fr. V. J. Morgan, Harold Cleave, Joseph Gibbons, Howard May, W. A. Wilson, Lieut-Col. Gordon Cousins, W. H. Long, W. V. Grant, W. C. Biehn, Rev. W. O. O. Thompson, Arthur Beaumont, K. C. Lindsay, Mrs. Ralph Ross, Mrs. W. O. O. Thompson, a representative from each of the five local churches, two representatives from each community of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Glen Williams and Stewarttown.

H. C. McClure and B. B. Otton were appointed auditors for 1942.

and wage control, on tax increases, on the conscription of certain age groups of men for home defence. We do not expect them to ask for a referendum on anything else.

SALVAGE

We have had many queries from housewives who have been saving bones and fats for the salvage drive in this district. Frankly, the Lions Club, which sponsors the salvage work, has not been pushing the collection of these items because of the difficulties in storage. Now the Department of National War Services, in a series of advertisements currently running in the Herald, is telling us that these are urgently needed for war industry, so the club is adding these to the collection list. We must ask, however, that fats and bones be collected in sealed containers. The salvage shed is not air-tight, and a nuisance must not be created by storing articles which would draw rats, flies and dogs in large numbers, particularly in warmer weather.

Once again, we urge citizens to bring their salvage to the salvage shed, the entrance to which is through the alleyway between Silver's Dept. Store and the Lee Sing Laundry, or to send it to school with the children. Your contribution in this respect will save time and expense of collection, and make all the more money available for war work.

"CHECK-UP" SAYS DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

The Ontario Department of Agriculture, in an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this paper, draws the farmers' attention to the need for checking up immediately on necessary repairs to their machinery. Although supplies are limited, implement manufacturers and dealers are hopeful that all orders for spare parts can be filled, providing they know in time what demands are likely to be.

Maximum farm production is required this year, and prompt delivery of repair parts cannot be guaranteed after Spring work starts. Costly breakdowns, long delays and loss of time of men and equipment can largely be avoided by a careful overhaul of farm machinery during the winter months.

The Department of Agriculture is also urging that farmers' swing in behind the Voluntary Agricultural War Committees being formed in every county. These committees are making a survey, the results of which will enable each neighborhood through planning and organization, to secure the maximum use of available labour and equipment in the community.

Great Britain needs more food from Canada. Supplies for domestic consumption in Canada are short. The maximum in production can only be reached by making the best possible use of what we have in every county, township, community and upon every farm.

A feature of the meeting was the appointment of three new committees, which it is expected will play active roles during 1942. Mrs. W. V. Grant and Mrs. Ed MacKenzie are in charge of publicity, which will include a weekly column of Red Cross notes in the Herald. A. C. Welk and Ralph Ross will handle advertising, with Mrs. Ann Lawson, Mrs. P. B. Coffin, Rev. W. O. O. Thompson and Harold Cleave making up a special projects committee.

Delegates to the Provincial Council in Toronto this month were chosen and comprise LeRoy Dale, G. W. McLintock, Mrs. Yvonne Adams, Miss Annie Ryan, Mrs. P. B. Coffin, Mrs. Roger Guyot, Mr. Ralph Ross, Mrs. W. V. Grant and Mrs. T. L. Campbell.

SWEET CAPORAL Cigarettes

Janice Burns and June Clark, president and secretary of the Junior Red Cross at Georgetown Public School attended the meeting on the invitation of Mr. Dale, and membership in the latter organization were conferred on them.

District Woman Dies, Aged 92

Miss Janet Smith Lived all her Life in Esquimaux and Peel

Miss Janet Smith, life-long resident of this district, passed away on Tuesday, January 13th, at the home of John Macdonald, lot 3, First Line east Oshawa. She was in her 92nd year. She was a daughter of the late Archie Smith, 15th Line, Esquimaux, near Terra Cotta. After leaving the farm, she kept store in Terra Cotta for a few years with her sister, then retired to Brampton. The funeral service was held from Mr. Macdonald's home on Thursday, January 15th, with burial in Glen Williams cemetery.

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