

# The Editor's Corner

## OUR HATS ARE OFF

We're willing to wager that nearly everyone who has a radio had it tuned in at 10 o'clock last Tuesday night to hear the "important announcement" which had been promised all through the day. And we weren't disappointed in it either. The announcement gave the world the startling news that those two great leaders, Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt, had once more achieved an unprecedented historic flight to a meeting place where they could discuss plans for Global strategy and a final victory in 1943.

In order to attend this conference held in a closely guarded barbed-wire-surrounded enclosure at a hotel in Casablanca, French Morocco, these two champions of world freedom braved a trip fraught with dangers. And we must not forget the men who accompanied them—who too risked their lives so that complete understanding and unity of purpose will give us greater strength to vanquish the enemy.

One of the objects of the trip was to bring about an understanding out of the chaos of the Free French element. Although this part of the mission was not completely successful, yet there lies great hope for the mutual co-operation of the two following of de Gaulle and Geraud, in that the liberation of France is their single purpose.

Most commentators see a happy portent in the fact that this Churchill-Roosevelt session had a brighter background than any of their meetings, recalling that during the Prime Minister's June call in Washington, the Nazis captured Tobruk and drove deeper into Russia. During the present talks, Tripoli fell to the British 8th army and the Red Army in Russia landed stunning new blows on the Germans.

Our hats are off to these two great men who place the welfare of the world above every other consideration. With such leaders to inspire us we can live and work with one object in mind—a complete and crushing victory in 1943.

### "CONTRACTION" POLICY LEAVES GEORGETOWN ONE BANK

A severe shortage in manpower brought about by the war has resulted in a "contraction" policy being adopted by banks all over the Dominion. In other words, for the past three years the government has urged that wherever possible, one bank should be made to serve a community hitherto equipped with two, or even three, and in order to do their part in the war effort, banks have been doing just what has been asked. Several months ago the Bank of Commerce in Milton was absorbed by the Bank of Commerce. It's a policy of "exchange" so to speak. For instance, The Bank of Commerce has taken over the Bank of Montreal's business in Forest and Georgetown, while in exchange, the Bank of Montreal has absorbed the Bank of Commerce in Aurora and Exeter. In many small places with only one bank, it has been closed and a "sub-agency" established where the bank comes every two weeks or so to do necessary business.

While we have been aware of these happenings during the past few years, we never actually thought the time would come when Georgetown's long-established Bank of Montreal branch would be no more. However, it has come to pass and on Jan. 30th, all business transactions were formally transferred to the Bank of Commerce, whose staff will be called upon to carry no easy burden. With increased earnings in town and many large industrial accounts, they deserve the fullest co-operation of all who do banking business.

Delving into the past history of the Bank of Montreal, we found that it was originally the Merchant's Bank, established here in 1905, in the building now occupied by Long's Confectionery. Several years later, H. W. Kennedy and the Merchant's Bank contracted with J. B. Mackenzie to erect the building where Richardson's Hardware is. About twenty years ago the Merchant's Bank bought the Hotel Bennett property at the present location of the Bank (tore down the front of the structure and erected the modern present building. Several years afterwards the Merchant's Bank amalgamated with the Bank of Montreal.

The branch has had a number of different managers, all of whom have taken a great interest in the welfare of the town and an active part in the life of the community as a whole.

The first manager was Mr. F. M. Scarfe, who was transferred from here to Halifax and then to Windsor. Then came Mr. George C. Lawrence, who is now in Toronto with Municipal Bankers' Corp., Mr. C. Grandy succeeded him and he in turn was replaced by H. R. Mimms, who is now dead. Mr. J. B. Wallace, now Secretary-Treasurer of the St. John Ambulance Association in Toronto was the next manager. Then came David Wilson, now branch manager at Alveston and still later, Roy Smith who is at Weland, Ont. The last manager, Mr. A. C. Welk, came here in 1939 from Mitchell.

By reason of the services it has rendered to the people and business interests of Georgetown, the Bank of Montreal has aided materially in the growth of the town and the development of its trade and industry. Their courteous and pleasant staff have always made it a pleasure to transact business there and it is with real regret that we witness the closing of its doors due to the exigencies of war time.

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,  
The Georgetown Herald.

Dear Madam Editor:  
National Social Hygiene Day is being observed on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. As part of our program for the furtherance of community health, we would like to draw the attention of Herald readers to the two important letters (copies of which we enclosed addressed to the Canadian public recently by our Minister of Pensions, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, and by Major-General, The Hon. L. R. LaFleche, Minister of National War Services. We trust you may see your way clear to give them publicity.

May we be permitted to quote as a brief commentary on the subject discussed in these letters, a statement from Dr. Haven Emerson, Professor of Public Health Practice, Columbia University, internationally known authority in this last-mentioned department of medical science.

Regarding the relationship between venereal disease and general disease, the following quotation from an eminent specialist in venereal diseases (John W. Churchman) expresses the usual opinion of observant physicians. Alcohol, paralysis, the inhibitions render the physical urges more obvious, obscures the critical faculty, breaks down reasonableness and prudence, blurs fineness of perception and taste without necessarily creating the state socially recognized as intoxication. Alcohol is the best sedative and procurer known, and is a constant and essential stock in trade for the promotion of prostitution.

"Alcohol: Its Effects on Man" by Haven Emerson, M.D. (Available in the Georgetown Public Library).

On behalf of community welfare  
GEORGETOWN W. C. F. U.

The letters follow:

Yellow-Canadians  
We are engaged in total all-out war. Victory requires the total effort of all citizens. Thomas Carlyle once said: "The health of body or mind is defeat if it alone is victory."

Veneral disease is a cause of ill-health and lost time that can be completely avoided. In communities where there are efforts to be made, the results have been shown that venereal disease is waste. With the aid we must have strong, healthy men in the armed forces, fit and healthy workers in the factory and on the farm. Time lost on account of ill-health is a drain on our war effort.

In all venereal disease there must be individual effort and community effort. The responsibility of the individual is to have health and to avoid the sources of infection. The responsibility of the community can be expressed in the following three ways:

1. Clean up local conditions where disease thrives.
  2. Organize educational campaigns to teach our young people the facts about venereal disease, how to avoid it and where to go for treatment.
  3. Provide ample facilities for healthy recreation.
- The war against venereal disease is a battlefront on which every Canadian citizen can fight. Join us in the battle for national fitness.

IAN A. MACKENZIE

To the People of Canada:  
It is not alone a private but a public responsibility in the stress of war to see that no controllable factor lessens the national effort. The health of the individual in industry as well as military life is of foremost importance. Venereal disease is accountable not only for lost time but for lessened vir-

lity. With the earliest detection and modern treatment, venereal disease, while it may also be curable, allows for the possibility of exposure, early diagnosis and immediate treatment. This in turn decreases the dangers of complications which result in permanent damage to the individual's health and lessened efficiency.

The concerted effort of a well directed educational program in war time would arouse the public to the danger and preventability of venereal disease and strengthen the arm of the health authorities in enforcing laws already on the statute books aimed to control the spread of this scourge.

L. R. LAFLECHE  
W. R. REEK, ADDRESSSES HALTON AGRICULTURAL WAR SERVICE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Halton Agricultural War Service Committee was held in the Farmers' Bldg., Milton, on Saturday afternoon, January 16. While many of the township and school section keymen were absent, and consequently unable to attend, there was nevertheless between 35 and 40 laymen from various sections of the County in attendance.

Mr. W. R. Reek, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, was the main speaker. Mr. Reek paid a well deserved tribute to Ontario farm people for their effort and achievement made under most difficult conditions in 1942. From the standpoint of our war effort in 1943, an increased production of practically all agricultural products is essential, stated Mr. Reek. The speaker pointed out that our farm people have done the best physically but questioned if we have gone the limit in our respective communities to so organize ourselves.

We are now getting maximum results from the mechanized equipment and manpower which is now available. Reference was made to Hamboro (wp., Wentworth County), where a movement is already under way in the various school sections to divide themselves up into groups of 4 or 6. The members of these respective groups are already checking over their machinery and setting their parts right. In addition, they are now making their plans in these various groups to so organize their program that they may take the maximum advantage of their mechanized equipment and manpower.

During the course of his address, Mr. Reek made reference to the trouble which our Atlantic provinces are having with their livestock. It was also stated by the speaker that 40 per cent of the men coming into the Manning Pool in Toronto have minor troubles with their eyesight. In both cases it had been found that riboflavin, which is contained in powdered milk, will correct the condition.

I wouldn't worry too much about course grains," stated Mr. Reek, "as we have sufficient in sight for two years, furthermore, you can buy it for less money than you can grow it. Here in Ontario, we are placing the emphasis on hogs and eggs, or in other words, on livestock products. The utilization of pasture for hogs and self feeders, while not the most desirable methods under normal conditions, are recommended to meet the difficulty of manpower shortage.

It was pointed out by W. E. Breckon, Chairman of the meeting, that on farms where the bulk of the plowing has been done, it might be well to summer fallow the odd field which is getting weedy, rather than attempt to put it into grain in the spring of 1943. In the discussion which followed it was the consensus of opinion of those

### BECAUSE

Peter Edson, the "Montreal Herald's" Washington correspondent, wrote recently "You might as well get reconciled to the idea that from here on every day is going to be Lent, as far as your giving up of something is concerned. The list of things that Canadians and Americans are asked to give up is going to get longer before it starts getting shorter.

"You can get along without many things, all right, if you just stop to think why. There's enough steel in a set of golf clubs to make one machine gun and enough steel in a washing machine to make six machine guns.

"To provide the smokeless powder for forty-seven more rifle cartridges to shoot at the enemy, you are asked to do without a pound of sugar, the sugar making the alcohol to make the smokeless gunpowder for the cartridges.

"Because there's enough steel used in the making of one new automobile to make twenty-six machine guns; you will have to get along with whatever auto you have or can buy second hand or with none, and there will be no more new cars for the duration.

"Because it takes the silk of one hundred pairs of silk stockings to make one parachute for a paratrooper, your favourite legs must be sheathed in unglamorized cotton or rayon.

"Because a pair of army shoes takes two and a half times as much leather as a pair of civilian oxfords, you shouldn't buy as many pairs of new shoes as you'd like to have."

"As for records to play on the phonograph, there's enough shellac on six records to waterproof the primer cups of one hundred thousand rounds of point thirty calibre cartridges, so make the old tunes last."

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present that on our heavy clay soils spring plowing for spring grain is not generally satisfactory, and consequently recommended the use of the one way disc or double disc as the best method under the circumstances, of preparing a seed bed.

The meeting went on record as recommending that the Township and School Section keymen go back to their respective school sections and organize themselves into small groups so that maximum use of the available manpower and mechanized equipment may be secured.

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