



EIGHTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD TIMEKEEPER GOES INTO WAR SERVICE.—Officials of Canadian National Railways purchasing department examining a chronometer saved from the barque W. K. Chapman, sunk in 1888, which they bought for the Merchant Marine. F. A. Bromley, General Purchasing Agent, is seated at centre with C. K. James (left) and S. Swedlow standing beside him.

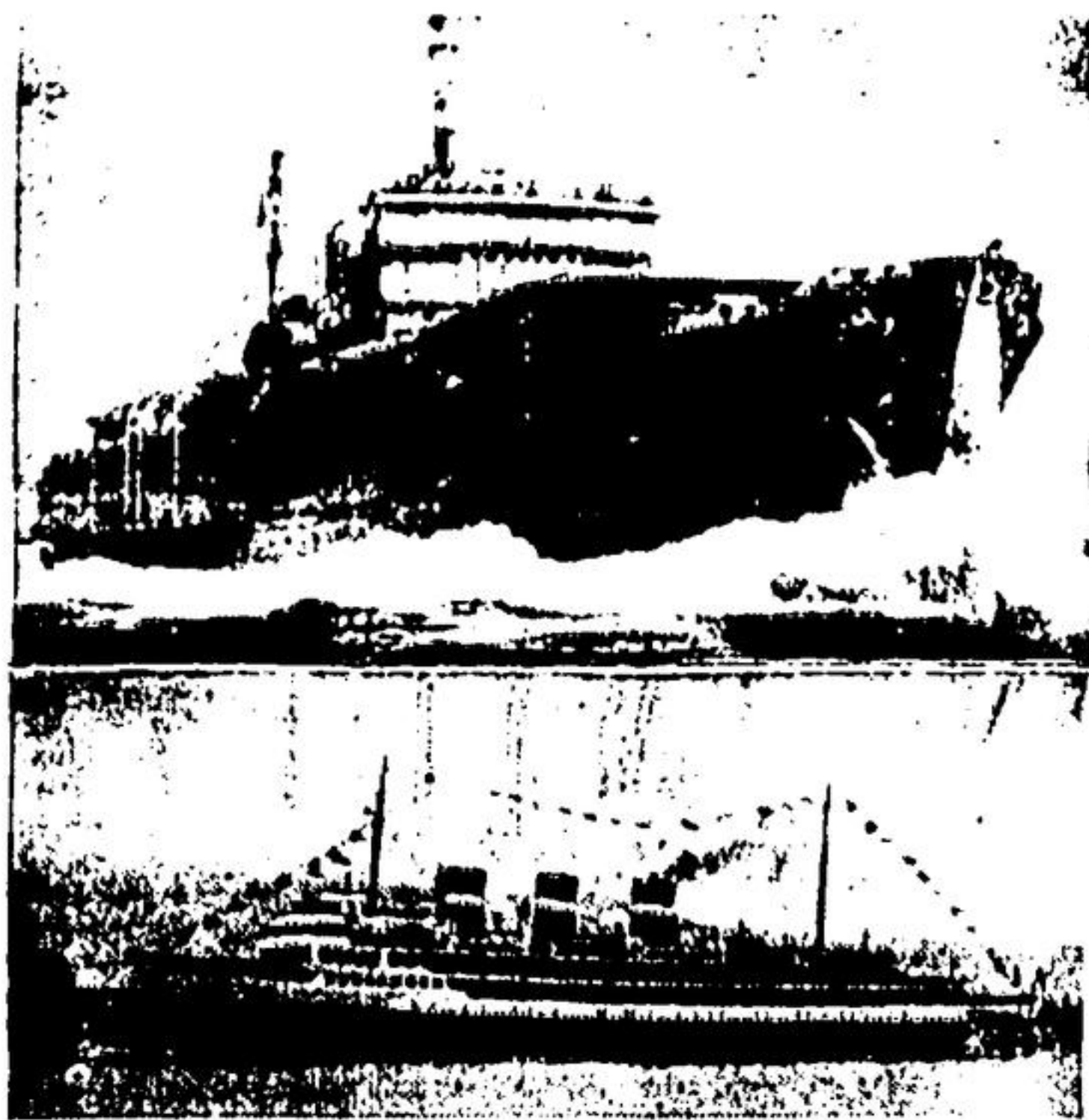


Red Cross food parcels arrive at a German prison camp somewhere in Europe. The Canadian Red Cross has sent more than two million such parcels to Canadian and British prisoners of war in enemy camps in Germany, occupied France, Italy and Africa since the outbreak of war. Present output is 106,000 each week from five Red Cross packing depots in Canada.



Aid to Allies is one of the most important functions performed by the Canadian Red Cross. Goods and services to the value of millions of dollars have been shipped to Russia, China, Poland, Greece and other countries. Above scene shows why Canadian Red Cross food and other comforts are so necessary in Greece today.

Cruise Ship Now War Cruiser



Trust "then and now" pictures show (below) the "Princess Robert," once famous Alaska cruise ship of the Canadian National Steamships, as she looked when in peacetime operation between Vancouver and Alaska ports, and (above) the "Princess Robert" as she is today stripped of her luxurious fittings and converted into an auxiliary cruiser. The "Princess Robert," which was one of the fastest cruise ships in Pacific Coast waters, has been in war service since early 1940 when she was taken over by the Royal Canadian Navy. She won special distinction by the capture of a large German merchantman.

The "Princess Robert" is one of a number of ships of the Canadian National fleet which were taken over for active war duty. These included the "Lady Somers," formerly in the West India service, which was sunk by enemy action in the Mediterranean in July, 1941. Another ship of the Company's fleet returned to her home base with more than a half-hundred bomb holes, or bomb splinters, in her hull. She had been bombed out of Penang and Singapore but at each beleaguered port had saved precious supplies from capture by the Japanese. After a job of temporary patching was done on her hull, she sailed for Africa with yet another war cargo, and, eventually, steamed northward to Canadian waters.

The Canadian National Steamships also acts as agent for the Dominion Government in the operation of Axis ships seized as prizes of war.

Ration Coupon Banking Now in Effect

Ration Coupon Banking came into effect March 1st in 3,200 branches of the chartered banks throughout Canada. For the first time Canadian business houses will now be writing cheques, and the bank holding accounts, expressed in terms of coupons for sugar, tea or coffee or butter, instead of in terms of dollars and cents. The system will do away with interference with the normal method of settling accounts between merchants when will commence to be paid by cash, bank cheques etc.

L. B. Unwin, Assistant Director of Consumer Relations for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, stated that the introduction of a new, wholly considerable addition to the Ration Administration will be an asset and the method is greatly simplified. Coupon Ration Banking, Mr. Unwin said, will provide a way toward solving the problem of supplying off-peak commodities. For the present, rationing is a limitation of supply. It is the plan that has been endorsed by the Minister of Finance and the Board of Trade, Chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, and written to Charles E. Parry, President of the Canadian Bankers' Association, expressing appreciation of the banks' cooperation in working out a practical method and undertaking to provide information. The Ration Administration is a public service. Every one of the 2,200 banks (banks across Canada) will share in the work. The plan represents a considerable cash saving to the country, contracted with the only alternative, namely for the Board to establish its own separate coupon banking system across Canada.

The system which went into effect on March 1st was the outcome of a series of conferences between Wartime Prices and Trade Board rationing officers and a committee of technical officers named by the chartered banks which had offered to undertake the task involved in ration coupon banking.

Originally the system Mr. Unwin remarked, "soon it will not even be used for a merchant to write a ration cheque for the coupon equivalent of three pounds of butter or sugar, tea or coffee and have it cashed against his Ration Coupon Account for that commodity."

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In due course, after checking and inspection, the coupons deposited at the banks will be destroyed in the presence of official witnesses.

In addition to those who sell rationed goods against the surrender of coupons there are the hotels, restaurants, hospitals and the like who serve meals which include rationed goods. These concerns operate on a quota and are known as Quota Users and for them and their suppliers the system evolved by the banks will be particularly helpful. In the past the quota user was given a monthly quota of tea, coffee, butter or sugar and was tied to one specific dealer with whom his name and quota were registered. The dealer had to keep track of the requisitions issued by the quota user. There are thousands of these people scattered all over the country. It was an immense task to see that the quotas and advices to dealers were issued simultaneously. If there was any lag or the advice failed to reach the dealer, confusion and irritation naturally resulted.

Under Ration Banking all this is eliminated. The quota user gets his quota. It is set up in a ration account in his bank and he draws ration cheques against it. With these, instead of being tied to one registered dealer he can obtain his supplies from any dealer—and he may not overdraw a coupon account at the bank.

Whenever further commodities require to be rationed, more accounts will require to be opened, but it would certainly seem that the system worked out will operate smoothly. It involves a great deal of added detail work for the banks and their staffs and is a wartime service of considerable importance.

Commenting on Mr. Unwin's state-

ment, Charles St. Pierre, President of the Canadian Bankers' Association, said: "The chartered banks are glad to make this wartime service and organization available to the government and to their business customers."

Gasoline rationing is not included in the system of Ration Coupon Banking.

BRAMPTON SOLDIER KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE OVERSEAS

Word has been received by Mrs. Marguerite Dickson, Main St., South Brampton, of the death of her husband Corporal Joseph Herbert Dickson, accidentally killed on active service in England. Her first official information was that he had been seriously injured necessitating the amputation of his leg, besides a fractured arm.

Corporal Dickson, born in Perth, enlisted in September 1929, trained at Oshawa, and Camp Borden, served as a guard at a prison camp at Espanola before proceeding overseas with an Ontario tank regiment on June 14, 1941. He was a member of the regimental police force overseas and was engaged in patrol duty along the coast. His death was the result of a motorcycle accident while on duty.

Well-known in Brampton, a member of Grace United Church, 1124½ Case and of Grace choir, he had resided there since 1925 and previous to enlisting was engaged with a local contracting firm as a truck driver.

He was married to Mrs. Marguerite Dickson on Saturday, the day of his death. He had returned to duty from a short furlough. Particularly had he expressed his love and concern for little Joseph, William Dickson, whom he had never seen. The baby was born after his departure overseas.

Corporal Dickson is survived by his wife who was Mrs. Marguerite Dickson, Brampton, three children, Joan, Ellen, Raymond Donald and Joseph, William, three brothers and six sisters: Mr. Carl Larson, Mrs. Neuber, Phillip Brampton and Mrs. Harold Fendley, Norval are surviving sisters. A brother, George, was killed at Vimy Ridge in the first world war.

RENEWAL OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOOKS

To all Employers:
The 1942-43 Unemployment Insurance Books expire on March 31st.

New Insurance Books for the fiscal year 1943-44 will be exchanged by the Local Employment and Selective Service Office in your area for expired Insurance Books.

Do not send in your Insurance Books without completing forms enclosed with circular letter 625.

If you have not received this circular letter, get in touch with your nearest Employment and Selective Service Office.

When it is necessary to quote the Employer's Insurance Number, use the number with the prefix letter shown on the front cover of the book, example P-49247 E-22454. Do not quote the book serial number printed on the inside pages of the book.

Protect the benefit rights of your employees by following closely the procedure outlined in the circular letter, and prevent delays by acting now.

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HOW TO FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION FOR CANNING SUGAR

This year housewives must estimate in advance the amount of sugar required for canning and jam-making so that arrangements may be made to provide and distribute the necessary supplies. Applications must be sent in to your Local Ration Board by April 15th. Use the application in your new Ration Book for this purpose.

Canning sugar will be allowed for all fresh fruits, including citron and wild fruits. Marrow, tomatoes and pumpkins are considered as vegetables and no canning sugar will be allowed for them.

HOW TO FIGURE OUT THE AMOUNT OF SUGAR NEEDED

CANNING

Allow 1/2 lb. of sugar for each quart sealer.

Estimate the TOTAL number of quart sealers you plan to put up. Then use the quick, practical method of allowing 1/2 lb. of sugar for each quart sealer. Don't try to do it exactly. The number of each kind of fruit you plan to put up. Some fruits may be more plentiful than others. Base your estimates on the number of sealers you have on hand, what you put up last year, or what you think your needs will be this year.



Your completed application must be sent to your Local Ration Board by

JAM or JELLY MAKING

Allow 1 1/2 lbs. of sugar for each quart of jam or jelly.

Most people use jars of various shapes and sizes. Take a number of the jars you usually use and see how many cupfuls of water they hold. Four 1/2 cups make a quart. In this way you will be able to estimate the number of quarts of jam or jelly your jars will hold. Then allow 1 1/2 lbs. of sugar per quart for your requirements. For example, for 8 quarts of jam or jelly, you will require 12 lbs. of sugar.

Estimates based on these methods are within the canning sugar ration, and the amounts are satisfactory for wartime canning and jam and jelly making, as proven by test in the Dominion Department of Agriculture experimental kitchens.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The Dominion Department of Agriculture recommends canning fruit in preference to making jam or jelly because: More fruit can be put up with less sugar and at less cost. Canned fruit retains more of the vitamin value of the fresh fruit.

WHEN AND HOW CANNING SUGAR WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE

When your Local Ration Board has reviewed your application you will be provided, sometime before June 1st, with special canning sugar coupons. These coupons will entitle you to buy sugar, at any grocery store, at specified intervals. You do not have to buy all your sugar at once.

COMPLETE AND SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE APRIL 15

Complete your application form as shown in the illustration and mail it to your Local Ration Board not later than April 15th. Attach the application forms from the ration books of the other persons you will be feeding in your household. Do not write anything but the serial numbers of the owners on these other forms. Simply copy the serial numbers from the front of their ration books on to their application forms and pin them to your own fully completed application.

In estimating your canning and jam-making requirements, storage space should be carefully considered. Poor storage may cause spoilage and waste. Canned fruit should be kept in a cool, dry, dark place. Don't use canned fruits on your table when fresh fruits are available. Plan to use your home-canned fruits in the winter months only.

Remember—False Statements are Subject to the Full Penalty of the Law

RATION ADMINISTRATION

THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD