

'As We See It'

By J. A. Strang

WRITING COMMENT, such as we try to do, is at times rather discouraging. We write about this, that and the other thing and then we sometimes wonder if anybody ever reads it. Or again we wonder if it is worth reading. But every once in a while we get a word of commendation and we do appreciate it. We had something to say about the price of fruit in this column a few weeks ago and we were mentioning the price asked for fresh fruit over in England. We don't suppose that the article was any more outstanding than any other article that we may have written in the past and perhaps you may have read it and never thought of it again. However we received a letter of commendation about that particular item from no less a reader than The War Time Prices and Trade Board of Toronto. It made us feel good all over somehow. No doubt that particular branch of the war effort has its own trouble. Fruit and vegetables have been unusually high in price and some lines still are plenty expensive. Take sweet cherries for instance. How many of us could even afford to taste a sweet cherry this season and living as we do, not very many miles from the Niagara Peninsula where those sweet cherries grow in abundance. Of course we can get along without sweet cherries as we can without so many other luxuries that are beyond reason in price. It is just such high prices that cause the War Time Prices and Trade Board to step in and set a limit on the height that those prices would be allowed to go. We don't like too much Government control but if inflation is to be avoided price control looks like the only remedy. If it is placed on more and more commodities it will be so placed there is no other way to control the situation. We are taking the liberty of quoting a paragraph from their letter to us: "Victories on the War fronts do not assure victories on the price fronts. Indeed, they make them more difficult to obtain since they tend to encourage abandonment of caution."

ALMOST EVERY NEWSCAMT, and nearly all news items are encouraging to our side, these days, and we are so apt to think that Victory is just around the corner. It's a good time to keep our feet on the ground. Compare the size of the whole Island of Sicily with that of the occupied countries of France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland and all the other occupied countries, then in addition, add on Nazi controlled Italy and Germany itself, and it will give us an idea of the job that still lies ahead. Victory isn't just around the corner. The Empire still needs all the help that we can give it. More loans will be needed and likely they will be even bigger than was the last one. Our country will still need our money to carry on the war. It is no time for spending money on those luxuries that we can get along without. The boys overseas still need our letters and our parcels and any encouragement that we can pass along to them. It is not likely at all that the enemy will collapse merely because of a few setbacks and the road ahead still looks anything but easy. Naturally we expect and hope that the news will continue to be favorable but it will be time enough to ease up on our individual war efforts when Victory is really just around the corner.

IT IS ALWAYS interesting to notice how some folks seem to advance even though they may not be blessed with any special ability over the other fellow. At the close of the last war a young man living in one of our small cities decided to quit the machine at which he had been working and invest his earnings in a small residential grocery. Although he had no experience in that line he managed to prosper and after a few years spent in that particular stand he decided to build a store and dwelling of his own in a newly opened up part of the city. As far as we know he still operates that same store. However the interesting part of the story is that this young man had aspirations and after serving on the city council for a number of years he was then elected Mayor which position he has held for a number of years now. During the visit of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen a few years ago it was this same Mayor's duty to welcome them to his city. Reading an account of the reception that their Majesty received in that city made us wonder if the Mayor ever thought of the distance he had travelled since the days of the machine shop job. However this isn't all of the story and now we notice that this same gentleman has been nominated as a candidate in the coming election. It seems a far cry from the old days and the machine job to that of running for M. P. There is no reason that we know why this gentleman shouldn't be able to represent his particular city as well as anybody else should be elected. However we can't help but wonder how many folks manage to obtain the higher rung on the ladder while others that were once on the ladder fall to the very bottom. **Mayor Kelly** has something to do with it.

LEGION NOTES

Comrade A. Robinson of Weston, and member of Mount Dennis Branch of the Legion paid a visit to the local Branch on Saturday.

Comrades Thomas and John Cattle, past officers of Post 57, Silverthorn, spent a few hours at the Legion on Saturday. They were on their way to Martin's Camp, Churchville, where they will spend three weeks on their annual holiday.

Comrade Jim Blair and Mrs. Blair have as their guests, Mrs. Bob McCormick and son Bobby of Hamilton. They will also spend a few days with Mrs. Hewitt.

Comrade William Ronney and Mrs. Ronney left on Sunday for their annual vacation. They will visit Mrs. James Stoney, at Huntsville and then proceed to Algonquin Park. "Bill" and Mrs. Ronney expect to be away for about ten days.

The following letter was received by the Legion last week:
Georgetown, Ont., July 19th, 1943
Mr. H. Harlow, Secy.,
Canadian Legion, Post 120,
Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Mr. Harlow and Members:—
Your kind letter of sympathy is deeply appreciated by myself and daughter.

Blair enjoyed the pleasant associations of your organization and always spoke of you all as men who had done their bit and were behind every good cause. He often said you had what it takes and only relaxed when your job was well done.

I will always consider your friendship an honour and hope if I can be of service to you at any time that you will not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Ethel May Grant

Several of our local boys overseas receiving parcels and cigarettes from the Legion Branch are sending acknowledgment cards expressing their sincere thanks for the gifts.

The following cable was received last week by Comrade Dean Harley:
"Have won the Canadian Corps Finals in the three miles, am well, love to all"

Bruce Harley
To win this honour Bruce Harley had to compete in the three mile cross country race and place first or second in the Battalion Finals, the Division Finals and the Brigade Finals. Bruce Harley has been racing a close second in all these races with Bill Collier of Georgetown, now overseas. Congratulations Bruce Harley on the winning of this race.

Word has been received by Georgetown friends of Lieut Russell Pirestine of the Lorne Scots, who arrived safely overseas.

A group of Air Cadets have returned home after 10 days training at No. 5 B.P.T.B. at Brantford.

Of interest to members of Branch 120 is the "Legion's Rehabilitation Brief," presented to the House of Commons at Ottawa early this month by Mr. Alex Walker, O.B.E., the Dominion President. A few of the main highlights in the brief are as follows:

"Moral Obligation"—Canadians had a moral obligation to members of the armed forces, and adequate steps should be taken to ensure that they should in no way be penalized on their return to civil life and, so far as possible, should be assured of that place in civil life which they might reasonably be assumed to have obtained had they not enlisted.

"Part of War Effort"—Reconstruction and Rehabilitation should be treated as part of the war effort and the necessary funds be raised by taxation. The Legion recommended an immediate survey of war plants with a view to ascertaining which might be converted to peacetime manufacturing; to embark immediately upon the purchase of suitable land for the settlement of Veterans; the creating of a vast post-war undertaking of public works, rural road building, reforestation, soil conservation, extension of zoological survey, development of fisheries and that measures should be applied gradually and after the problem of adequate provision for the return of the Canadian economy of veterans of the present war and those engaged in war work have been established on a sure and satisfactory basis.

The following taken from the Globe and Mail of July 8th, deals with this brief: "The Canadian Legion has shown on innumerable occasions that it is an organization faithful to the interests of the veteran and the country in general." In the brief presented by that body to the House of Commons, Reconstruction and Re-establishment Committee, the Legion again showed its concern with the problems which will arise when victory is won.

According to the news summary, Mr. Walker said: "Canada could never survive, nor indeed would her people tolerate, another period of serious depression. The causes of depression should be ruthlessly destroyed, or the men and women who served both in

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Harry Nixon's people were United Empire Loyalists. His farm was pioneered by his grandfather over 100 years ago.



Ontario's premier was born on the farm in April, 1891. He was christened Harry Corvus Nixon and is always called just plain Harry.



He attended the little red school house down the road. Nights, evenings, Saturdays and holidays he helped on the farm.



High school in Brantford was an exciting experience to young Nixon, but he worked hard and did well.



Four years of more hard work at Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, proved Harry Nixon a studious and determined man and earned him the B.S.A. degree.



He returned to the farm, his chosen life work. On October 28, 1914, he married Alice Jackson, a Guelph girl who had graduated from MacDonald Hall.



Those who know Harry Nixon well, know him to be a man of sound business judgment as well as a successful 'dirt farmer'.



Working in his own quiet way, Nixon's qualities of leadership earned him a seat in the Ontario House in 1919.



At 28, Harry Nixon was the youngest Cabinet Minister in Canada.



The Nixon family are church goers. They attend the United Church of St. George.



Harry Nixon has been a member of the legislature for almost continuously since 1919, but farming is his occupation and he works at it.



Equality of home in a neighbor's drawing room or in his barn, it is said he has reached many important decisions while milking, a job he truly enjoys.



Whether at the farm or at the Parliament Buildings, he likes to relax in his shirt sleeves at the end of a busy day.



Nixon's quietly efficient ways and original thinking earned him a high place in government councils. At 43 he was many times Acting Prime Minister.



On April 30, 1943, an enthusiastic Liberal Convention made Harry Nixon leader of the party. He was then sworn in as Prime Minister. Now he works his appointment confirmed by the people.



The Nixon family is "in uniform." Son Jackson, R.C.A.F., was killed in action over Germany, Eastasia, R.C.A.F. W.D. is overseas. Margaret is doing confidential work at Ottawa. Both daughters married service men. Bob (14) is working on the farm.



Mrs. Nixon is a friendly, motherly woman, a gracious hostess and sympathetic counsel. She is well liked wherever she goes.



Premier Nixon is a steady-driving statesman; a courageous thinker who has the will to get things done. His long administrative experience and level-headedness will ensure Progress and Unity in Government for Ontario.

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our armed forces and our war industries... will seek to change our economic system, and we believe the vast majority of their fellow-citizens will help them change it." Young unemployed men and boys were neglected before the war broke out. Many of them now fighting to save decency and freedom in the world were forgotten, unwanted in peacetime. That must never happen again. There must be jobs for those who return from the war and for those who are doing the production jobs at home. Canada is a country of great wealth. Its assets lie not only in the ground, but in the human being who make up Canada. As human beings they deserve full employment and a decent standard of living. The advocacy of such standard of living by the Canadian Legion should do much toward its attainment. The Legion's brief also asked for preference for those discharged from the forces in all employment, whether it be in private business or under federal, provincial or municipal authorities. That priority be presented in the soldier rehabilitation plans, and nothing should be neglected by way of machinery to carry it out. Those men who have left their jobs, their homes, their kin, deserve every attention. It would be unthinkable to deprive them of first chance for employment when the war is over.

WHERE DOES YOUR FAMILY FIT IN?



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