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The Editor's Corner

SPEED THE VICTORY

Last week we saw some of the first moving pictures to be released of the landings made by allied troops on the beaches of mountainous Sicily. The photographer must have been right in the thick of the fray and we wondered how he managed to keep his presence of mind in the confusion of men, ships, gunfire and bursting shells, in order to do his "shooting" of outstanding bits of action.

If anything were needed to prove to the people at home what a tremendous job our men in army, navy and airforce did when they took Sicily, those pictures of men disembarking in the face of a veritable hell of enemy bombardment were a boldly revealing testimonial. Moving pictures brought home the meaning of that phrase "they gave their all" in a way which even the most vividly painted word picture could never do.

Knowing as we do what those men out there fighting for us have to go through, we cannot fail to heed Canada's Fifth Victory Loan cry "Speed the Victory". Beginning October 18th, the people of this country will have an opportunity to lend their money to the government so that this end may be achieved.

It was only through our superior numbers in planes, guns, tanks and ships that we avoided a second Dunkirk in Southern Italy, and won through to victory. These are the tools of war that our Victory Loan investments helped buy. The bravery of men alone cannot win in the mechanical warfare of today. They need our support as well—to supply the weapons.

The war has dragged through four long years while we have been gathering momentum for attack. The offensive has opened on the "Third Front", and the hour is almost here for the beginning of the "Second Front" attack. The men involved in these battles are going to need every tank, gun, ship and plane that the \$1,200,000,000 to be raised in this Fifth Victory Loan can buy. Georgetown and Esquesing, Georgetown District, have been allotted \$370,000 dollars of this objective. There are a great many boys from this vicinity in Sicily and Italy right this minute depending on us at home to help "speed the victory". And we can do it by reaching and oversubscribing our quota in this Fifth Victory Loan.

COMMON SENSE NEEDED

In an effort to do a good job of conserving scarce commodities, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has issued a few orders which make one wonder if that good old-fashioned attribute, common sense, could not be used to some advantage in their offices.

No doubt figures and charts proved that one-pant cuffless men's suits saved a tremendous amount of material, but the fact remains that it wastes just as much, if not more. Everyone who has had to keep an eye on the budget, knows that the suit to which there are two pair of trousers lasts twice as long as when only one pair is supplied. Then there's another fact to be taken into consideration. No matter how many orders are issued from the W.P.T.B. they cannot prevent clothing wearing out, when it is worn for any length of time. This has resulted in an enormously increased sale of "odd" trousers and many and varied have been the ensembles worn of late by erstwhile "conservative" males. It seems that the only "saving" effected by this order has been the saving of odd coats and vests on the hangers in clothes closets.

However, these errors of judgment are bound to happen. But it occurred to us that the wives of the administrators of the W.P.T.B. might be able to whisper a few words of advice to their husbands when a problem in "conservation" arises.

NOVEMBER FIRST AT THE LATEST

Don't miss the boat. Don't let your boy go empty-handed this Christmas. Send his parcel within the next few weeks—by November 1st at the latest—to ensure its arrival in Sicily, Italy, Ceylon, North Africa, the Aleutians or wherever else Canadians may be.

This year Post Office officials have asked that the size and weight of overseas parcels be reduced. For men and women in the services, the maximum weight is eleven pounds for civilians, five pounds. Postal rates for men and women in the services, 12c per pound; for civilians 24c for the first pound and 18c for the next four pounds.

In addition to close friends and relatives planning to send gifts to cheer their absent service men,

Hughes Cleaver, M.P. "Name in the News"

Hughes Cleaver, Halton's Liberal Member in the Dominion Parliament was chosen by last week's "Saturday Night" as the personality for their "Name in the News" feature which each week highlights prominent men in the government of Canada. Carolyn Cox, staff writer has given the readers of Saturday Night an interesting insight into the work the Halton M.P. is doing in Ottawa, and sketched the personal background to his political career. She has this to say:

Why the War Costs So Much
 Hughes Cleaver is Chairman of the War Expenditures Committee of the House of Commons, which is currently overhauling the Government's wartime transactions with Aluminum Company of Canada and other financial details, large and small. The particular set-up of this Committee gives it special interest and an important place in the parliamentary machinery.

No cabinet member or other appointee to high office by the Government of the day gets on this Committee. It is composed entirely of ranking back-benchers, commonly referred to as "The Rank Benchers". Its purpose is to enquire into any war expenditures it wishes to tackle or such as are brought to its attention, with the purpose of recommending economies. It was set up as a result of criticisms on the floor of the House of the way the present Government was spending the taxpayers' money in the present war, had no counterpart in the last war.

Composition of the Committee is also a recognition of the fact that a large number of M.P.'s who belong either to the Opposition party or to the other groups in the House, not identified with the Government of the day are as anxious to play some part in the country's war effort as any cabinet minister. That goes also for members of the Liberal party who are not of cabinet rank, nor yet ministerial assistants. Therefore the "Little Fellows" are supposed to have a shot on this Committee. As it has happened, the one representative of the C.C.F. group is by no means a Little Fellow, but M. J. Goldwell, the Chief, himself, and two successive chairmen, previous to Mr. Cleaver's appointment, vacated the chair because of being elevated to Cabinet posts, first the Hon. T. J. Thomson and then the Hon. Aphonse Fourrier.

Hughes Cleaver is rated a competent public servant, a grim one for punishment where work is concerned, an individual who has earned the respect of his fellow townsmen and the body of the House in Ottawa by standing up to a tough situation with unusual guts and character.

A native of Burlington, Ont., fifty-one years of age, son of a lawyer, he chose the law for his own profession. After public school and collegiate in Burlington, he entered Osgoode Hall without previously passing through "Varsity" because that was the only thing he could afford to do, took his B.A. extra-mural as he went along with law, was articled to the Toronto firm of Mills, Rainey and Hales. After he was called to the Ontario Bar in 1914 he returned to join his father in Burlington where the two men practiced as law partners for 19 years.

In 1916 Cleaver married Ariel Shepherd, daughter of a local shoe merchant. He pitched into municipal politics and public work of various sorts, served on the high school Board and municipal Council, was a Reeve in 1918 when he decided, during the dark hours of manpower shortage in the last war, that married or not it was time to get overseas, enlisted as a private in the First Canadian Tank Corps. He trained over in England at Bovington with a unit of garage mechanics, and the like who had it all over him in practicing mechanics, but the lawyer was the boy to write an exam. Cleaver came out on top of his, his O.C. gave him his sergeant's stripes, and then

came the Armistice. This war Cleaver has three daughters of age, two in the Army Trade School in Hamilton, one working in Steel Company of Canada.

Depression Victim
 Back from the war, Cleaver took up his work as Reeve, was elected Mayor of Burlington in 1930, served a term as Secretary of the Canadian Legion, too. He got very interested in development of the quiet beautiful country round about, plunged into real estate business and highway paving contracts; and the whirl that rose up in the twenties. With the crash of '29-'30, Cleaver lost everything.

In 1935 he decided to blow off steam by standing for election as a Liberal candidate. In a constituency (Halton County) that had been solidly Tory for 46 years! Everything was wrong, it seemed. But people knew Cleaver round there, and how many could afford to cast a stone about matters culminating in 1929-'30? They sent Hughes Cleaver to Ottawa, turned the constituency upside down for him and if "a friend is a fellow that knows all about you but likes you", Cleaver counts his down his way as the sands of the sea.

Prime trouble on Cleaver's mind when he rolled into the Capital as a freshly elected M.P. full of vim and vigor was the sight of the country paying out sixty million odd dollars a year to keep on relief men engaged in the building trades, when there was a housing shortage of forty thousand odd homes and labor is 85 per cent of the cost of building a house. He burst upon the party caucus, sure the gentlemen were only needing to hear him in order to start on his scheme—and met the determined "NO" with which such suggestions from the newly elected are traditionally greeted. However, instead of nursing his notions on the back benches, he told them back to Burlington, sold them to the town council, started the building boom in Burlington that provided a practical demonstration of how his notion would work. It did succeed, and the essence of his scheme, approved by the Hon. Charles Dunning, then Minister of Finance, became Part 3 of the National Housing Act of 1938.

Studies His Work
 As Cleaver moved out of the quiet backbencher's period in the House, he was put on standing committees. When he found himself on the Banking and Commerce Committee, he characteristically had in a professor of economics to give weekly lessons to himself and some other M.P.'s in order to deal adequately with consideration of the Bank of Canada setup and the like. Other committees he has worked on are Miscellaneous Private Bills, Divorce Committee, Social Security, and Pensions. He personally saw through 22 pensions appeals of veterans, felt he got a good job done.

Government set up the War Expenditures Committee on almost identical lines as that of Great Britain, where such an organ has proven extremely valuable. It is designed to provide salutary eagle eyes on the government departments involved in making war expenditures, keep them on their toes, and keep the whole business of the Committee out of the political arena.

Howls are heard that hearings of this Committee should be public. They are actually done in camera on the ground that were they public (1) nobody would tell them things that might give information to the enemy; (2) nobody would tell them much else anyway; and (3) political sides would inevitably be taken, members would tend to feel their pride demanded they stick by any stand they might take in the beginning, regardless of whether further investigation might otherwise lead them into unanimity with other members. Continuous unanimous recommendations from this Committee that have been coming out do suggest there is truth in these contentions. There has also been criticism of the repre-

worked unremittingly all year so that extra comforts may be provided for our soldiers, sailors and airmen. These men and women, in addition to raising the necessary funds, have another big task on their hands—that of obtaining the latest addresses of the boys in uniform.

Perhaps the most extensive list compiled is that of the Soldiers Comforts Committee, a small hard-working group of women who endeavour to see that every man on the sea and over the sea from Georgetown and vicinity is remembered. They expect to send a Christmas gift to over 300 this year. So that no gift may go astray because of an incorrect address, if you have a brother or husband in the forces overseas phone Mrs. W. V. Grant (236), Mrs. Sidney MacKenzie (106) or Mrs. Arthur Reeve (275-W) to either correct or confirm the address they already hold, or perhaps add a new name to their roll. This particular list is often used as a basis for other lists prepared by groups sending parcels overseas.

The Soldiers Comforts Committee isn't going to miss the boat—they're planning to get their shipment away in ample time. Christmas is an especially hard day to spend away from home, and a parcel arriving on or before that day will help "him" feel happier. Make sure he won't be disappointed this Christmas. *Send in the mail before November 1st.*

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Passenger, Sunday only	8:31 p.m.
Passenger, daily	9:35 p.m.
This train was formerly the Flyer but now stops.	
Going West	
Passenger and Mail	8:47 a.m.
Passenger, Sat. only	2:15 p.m.
Passenger daily except	—
Saturday and Sunday	8:35 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	7:35 p.m.
Passenger, Sundays	—
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4:50 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
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ONLY ONE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE IN TWO MONTHS HERE
 The M. O. H. presents the following report on communicable disease for the months of August and September. There were no communicable diseases in the town during August. Following is the report for September.

- Chicken Pox
 - Scarlet Fever
 - Measles
 - German Measles
 - Mumps
 - Infantile Paralysis
 - Typhoid Fever
 - Whooping Cough
 - Cerebro Spinal Meningitis (Epidemic)
 - Tuberculosis
- The tallest man in the Canadian Army is six feet 11 inches. He is 4 inches around the chest, 36 at the waist and his length of leg is listed as 38 inches.