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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 1939.

**FINANCING THE WAR**

The financing of the present war is a question that concerns all of us. Writing in a current issue of The Canadian Chartered Accountant, Professor McQueen of Manitoba University makes the observation that this generation in Canada which must fight the war must also pay the war and that those who tell us that we can make posterity pay are deceiving both themselves and us. We shall fight the war by diverting our men and resources and equipment away from employment in the usual channels into war channels, and the shortage of things we have customarily enjoyed will be felt by this generation and only to a very limited extent by posterity. There is one exception to this proposition, he states, which has only to be noted to be dismissed. Could Canada float loans abroad, which means of course in the United States, for her war expenditures she could now, with the proceeds of those loans, command present American goods for war or civilian uses and posterity would have to return the equivalent of those goods in the future. But we shall not be borrowing in the United States or elsewhere abroad for many reasons and when we borrow from ourselves by means of domestic issues there is no shifting of the burden to posterity. We divert resources to get war supplies and when the war is over these resources will be allowed to return to their normal employment producing things for posterity. This is a reality from which there is no escape and there is no possibility of burdening the future for the sacrifices of the present by taxation, or inflation or domestic borrowing. Whether then we resort to inflation, taxation or to domestic borrowing—the only lines that will be open to us—the war generation pays the cost of the war. Which of these three methods of finance we should go with each method, the Minister of Finance discussed in a manner that will mark the Budget Speech of the Special Session of 1939 as a new high in Canadian public finance documents. In that speech the Minister stated: "First of all let me emphasize that however we finance the cost of the war, whether by taxation or by borrowing or by inflation, we cannot escape its real cost." Such statement, adds Professor McQueen, is completely in the tradition of sound economics and will read as well thirty years from now as it does today.

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**SOIL SURVEY**

The soil survey of York County carried out this year under the direction of Mr. W. M. Cockburn, District Representative of the Ontario Department of Agriculture should prove of great value to York County farmers.

Briefly stated, the object of soil surveys is to classify and describe the soils according to their characteristics, particularly with reference to the growth of crops or native vegetation and to show on suitable maps the location and extent of the different soil types, states A. Leahey, Division of Field Husbandry, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The soil survey also includes the recognition of other factors, especially physical ones, which influence the present or potential agricultural production of the surveyed area.

Since the agricultural production of any area is primarily dependent on the nature of the soils in that area, the information obtained by means of the soil survey has manifold uses. One of its most important functions is that it serves as a fundamental basis for classifying and systematizing the results of cropping, cultural and fertilizer experience and experiments. It is a well known fact that soils vary tremendously in their power to produce crops and in their response to various cultural and fertilizer treatments imposed on them by man. Hence the experience gained on one type of soil may not necessarily apply to another type of soil even in the same district. It is only by means of the soil survey that the great body of information accumulated on crops cropping practices can be utilized to best advantage.

Soil survey information can and has been used with marked success in directing settlement to the better soil types, in the planning of proper land utilization, in the assessing of land in accordance with its productive power, in the direct solution of soil problems and in focussing attention on present or potential agricultural problems related to the soil. Lastly, but not least, the soil survey gives an inventory of the soil resources of the country, a knowledge which is of paramount importance from the national viewpoint.

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**SABOTAGE**

Sabotage and the necessity for guarding against it is explained in a memorandum to industrial executives issued this week by the Industrial Accident Prevention Associations. The message points out that sabotage is an actual fact and must be fought both by industry and the public in Canada. Sabotage, states the bulletin, may take the form of such methods as: Concealed damage to raw materials at sources of supply or during transportation to points of processing; damage to processing equipment; damage to finished product; destruction of manufacturing plants by fire or explosion; concealed damage to important parts of manufactured articles, possible of detection only after being placed in use; concealment of explosives or incendiary bombs in bulk shipments, or in a ship or freight car transporting such merchandise; interruption of manufacture by destruction of or damage to power plants and power lines.

**DOUBLE DEFENSE**

An apple a day keeps the doctor away, we are told. The Barrie Examiner adds:—"Two apples a day will help keep the Germans away." — St. Marys Journal-Argus.

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**MUNICIPAL FREEDOM**

If a municipality re-elects its officers year by year, it is an indication that that particular municipality is getting about as good a brand of economical home government as is possible to attain. But being deprived of the power to change that government, year after year, is an entirely different thing.—Huron Expositor.

**Views of Others on Timely Topics**

**HEPBURN SHOULD RECONSIDER MOVE TO SUSPEND ELECTIONS**

While there have been times when Premier Hepburn has been harshly and often deservedly criticized, the majority of non-political partisans will agree that his rise to power marked an improvement over the previous Henry regime. Every fair-minded citizen will agree that Premier Hepburn deserves credit for what he has done, even if he failed in some of his promises. A review of his record will show that he has done much which has lightened the load on taxpayers, which even partisans should not overlook. As examples, all taxpayers benefit from the reduction which the premier effected on interest on government loans, and the majority of people have been saved much inconvenience by the removal of the former nuisance amusement tax. Motorists also benefitted from the reduction effected in the cost of license markers even if he later took some of it back in the form of an increased gasoline tax. The premier, however, erased much of the sting of this added burden by increasing the municipal subsidy and thus to an extent lightened the burden on real estate.

It is those who believe that Premier Hepburn has had a moderately good record who regret most his insistence of going through with the proposal of the Hon. Eric Cross, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to implement legislation which would indefinitely suspend municipal elections. This most untimely anti-democratic movement, which has been roundly condemned by Liberal and Conservative supporters alike, has done more to swing popular sentiment away from the Hepburn government than any legislation which he has ever proposed and there is no question that if he doesn't change his mind it will be something which won't be forgotten when the next provincial election does roll around.

In case the Premier or the Hon. Mr. Cross have any doubts in regards to the general feelings towards the legislation, they can find out the almost a hundred per cent unfavorable reaction by glancing over almost any paper in the province, the Toronto Globe and Mail excepted. Perhaps a typical expression is that given recently in the Windsor Star when it said of the argument advanced that the election suspension would save money. "Carrying this idea to its logical conclusion, an election every four years would mean just that much more in saving. And then if elections could be held only at eight-year intervals, think of what a tremendous amount of money the taxpayers would have — or would they? Actually they wouldn't have a cent more in their pockets, of course, for the politicians would simply find other means of spending.

"Perhaps it would be a good idea to abolish elections altogether and then all of us would save so much money we could be fairly rolling in it! And think of what a happy prospect for the politicians who happened to be in office when the permanent moratorium on elections came into force."

There is no doubt that the great majority of the people of this province take the view that Mr. Hepburn and Mr. Cross should reconsider before taking this drastic step. As the Midland Free Press says, no fault will be found with them if they change their minds.—Orillia News Letter.

**CAN'T CHANGE NAME**

County Judge A. A. Ingram has decided that Dr. Abraham Gerald Ginsberg of London, Ont., cannot change his name to Avron Gerald Kingsley. This is the first decision made in that district under the changed laws recently enacted by the Ontario Legislature which restrict to considerable degree the rights of people to assume new names.

The written judgment finds "that it is neither fair to Dr. Ginsberg nor to his prospective patients to leave them under the impression that in calling in Dr. Kingsley they are calling in a physician who is not Jewish. Dr. Ginsberg desires to use the name Kingsley for the purpose of concealing from any patients who might object to treatment by a Jewish doctor the fact that he is Jewish, I believe this Act (of the Legislature) is intended to prevent even such a minor deception."

Dr. Ginsberg during examination

in court admitted that even when he was serving as an interne he found friction developing between himself and patients because he was a Jew. For that reason he decided he would be well advised to seek some other name. If he had been in a community where his own people were numerous then his name would have been an asset. Otherwise he finds it a liability.

There have been many names changed in this country, particularly by foreigners who come here somewhat laden down with a name which could never be pronounced. Making such a change facilitates matters a good deal. In the case at London the motive was clearly commercial. The young man starting on his professional career found himself handicapped and he wishes by having his name changed to make it appear that he was not Jewish. On that ground refusal by the Judge appeared to have been well founded.—From the Peterborough Examiner.

**WHY PICK ON THE CLARION?**

The action of the Dominion authorities in prohibiting the publication of the Clarion, a weekly devoted to the teaching of Stalin, et al, has met with little criticism, it being generally recognized that while few of the general public read it and still fewer are influenced by its opinions, it is one of the small nuisances which are as well out of the way while we are busy with the war.

But in our humble opinion there is at least one paper published right in our own city that is at the present moment carrying on a campaign based on political animosity which is infinitely more dangerous than the Clarion.

In its actions it is aided and abetted by certain of the practical politicians of the party whose cause it espouses. Together they keep up a running attack on the King Government based on alleged conditions which do not and never did exist.

As soon as the war clouds gathered the King Government hastened to place all our resources and efforts at the disposal of the British Government and, as the result of joint conferences, the latter decided to send to Canada a war mission the members of which were perfectly seized of the necessities of the situation and with full powers to carry on in conjunction with our Government all the methods which they considered necessary to the conduct of the war so far as Canada is concerned.

The King Government accepted this arrangement whole heartedly and placed everything we have at their disposal and with a full and complete knowledge of the whole situation the two bodies are carrying on to the complete and enthusiastic satisfaction of the British Government. And if the War Council of the Empire is loud in its praises of what Canada is doing gladly while politicians and the odd partisan newspaper are trying to stir up strife and envelope the whole country in the throes of political warfare. They are doing far more damage to our national morale than the Communists and their organ can ever do and yet they prate of their loyalty as though all of that commodity existing in Canada was concealed about their persons or the offices of these newspapers. They should be sharply brought to task. This is no time for miserable political bickering. When the British Government feels that Canada is not doing her part we will probably get our official hint of it. Until then local dissension-mongers should be muzzled.—Hudson Herald.

Mrs. George Fraser Wallace, one of the Woodbridge district's oldest residents, celebrated her 91st birthday on Saturday, November 25, surrounded by many of her 10 surviving children, 19 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Wallace, who lives with her son, J. W. Wallace, was born in Ogdensburg, New York, coming to this area when a child. Although she has recovered from an illness which overtook her while visiting in Toronto recently, failing eyesight has necessitated an abandonment of her life long arduously followed pastime, reading. A visitor at her home during the past week who was present for the celebration, was her only brother, William Harper of Toronto, now in his 73rd year.

At least one youthful skater was reported to have fallen through thin ice while skating on the Humber at Woodbridge last week, thus emphasizing the danger of venturing on the thin ice early in the season.

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**King Twp. Council**

November 25th, 1939. The regular meeting of the council of the corporation of the Township of King, was held at the Community Hall, Nobleton, on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. All members present.

November 25th, 1939. Moved by L. B. Goodfellow, seconded by Wm. E. Barker, the council in committee of the whole on accounts and bills, Burnel Graham in the chair.

Resolved that the following accounts be approved and paid and that the Treasurer be hereby authorized to now issue his order in payment for same to the parties for the amount set opposite their respective names, and that the seal of the corporation be attached to this resolution. Carried.

Thos. MacMurchy, Reeve, General Account  
E. A. Bonnick, transportation re Royal Visit, \$17.50; A. Wellesley, school attendance work, \$12.81; Duncan McVanel, fighting fire, \$2; C. Butler, fighting fire, \$2; R. Hill, fighting fire, \$2; Community Hall, Nobleton, rent for hall, \$15.00; Morris Hayward, constable services, \$27.95; Dept. of Game & Fisheries, license forms, \$4.70; Thos. MacMurchy, telephone account, \$2.56. Relief account, \$97.39; road voucher No. 25, \$1473.76.

Resolved  
Moved by E. M. Legge, seconded by L. B. Goodfellow, that Chalmers Black be instructed to get the necessary signs printed and posted on the entrances to all roads on the Marsh, and to post same along the various roads on the said Marsh. Carried.

Moved by E. M. Legge, seconded by Wm. E. Barker, that whereas it is apparent to this council that the snow menace on our roads in the winter season has become a very urgent matter for this council to deal with.

And whereas the snow removal costs during the past winter in our judgment was excessive.

Therefore be it resolved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders for snow plowing services on our roads for the coming winter. Tenders to be in the Clerk's hands by December 15th, 1939 before 12.00 o'clock noon. Carried.

By-Law 695  
By-Law Number 695 entitled "A By-Law to provide for the Corporation's consent to the Bell Telephone Company of Canada constructing the lines upon the highways, streets, bridges and other public places of the Corporation, was read the second time.

By-Law 706  
By-Law to authorize the execution of a partial discharge and renewal of a mortgage given by James Kerr Senior to the Township of King, was read three times and passed. The meeting then adjourned to meet at Sutton's Hotel on Friday, December 15th, 1939 at 9 a.m. or at the call of the chair.

Both the fond mother and the patient photographer had failed to make the restless little boy sit still long enough to have his picture taken. Finally the photographer suggested that the mother should leave the studio for a few minutes. During her absence he was successful in taking a good picture. "What did the nice photographer say to make mother's little darling sit still while I was out of the room?" she asked the child on the way home. "He said: 'You sit still, you little rascal, or I'll knock your head off,'" replied the child.

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