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THESE MEAN MORE THAN THRIFT

War Savings Certificates!
The Government could have called them "National Safety Certificates."
For that, in stark truth, is what they are. War Savings Certificates are what, in peace days, we might call a "fine investment." They make for thrift, lay a foundation of security, appeal to the spirit of self-respect and self-reliance. On these grounds, as well as upon the grounds of democratic responsibility, of a wider devotion to the democratic creed of voluntary citizenship, they meet a need.

But, far more than these things, and more terribly vital, War Savings Certificates are a challenge to patriotism. They are a call to all of us, and provide the means for all of us, to answer the challenge of war service; a dictate of war duty which no one can ever expect to be forgiven for ignoring.

War Savings Certificates are OUR share in this war. They ask us whether, in this terrible conflict, with all that we are or ever hope to be at stake, we are content with lip-loyalty to our cause; content with abuse of Hitler; unwilling to make even moderate sacrifice for the sake of all our future.

In war-rocked France today the soldiers of democracy are dying for its defence. Are we willing to back them up? To deny ourselves things we can yield easily for their sakes? Are we willing to contribute something to feed and arm them, to sustain their strength, to tell them that back at home their peoples are supporting them?

This... this above all else... is the challenge of War Savings Certificates.

Over in Old England across the seas men and women and little children, workers and farmers, old and young, rich and poor, humble and obscure, are yielding their all for victory. Giving up in taxes, subscribing to loans, buying war savings certificates, they are giving a testimony of devotion to democracy and liberty as noble as anything that history has seen. It is for us here in Canada to show whether such devotion is ours, whether democracy and freedom mean as much to us as it does to them.

Let us in these coming weeks give proof of such devotion. Let us make this War Savings Certificates campaign a crusade; telling our Government and men on land and sea and in the air that we fight behind them. It is the least, God knows, that we can do.

CANADA AT WAR

In these historic and very critical days, parliament at Ottawa is responding to the urgent needs of the time. Everyone on parliament hill, commoners, senators and civil servants are watching intently and anxiously the trend of the fighting in Belgium and France and have followed with pride the epic struggle of the British Expeditionary Force and the Northern French Army, deserted by the Belgian army through the capitulation of their king, but courageously battling their way to the channel. The Canadian parliament has been hastening its war measures. Faced with the stark menace, threatening to enslave the world, Canada is redoubling its war effort. In the House of Commons, the Prime Minister and his Ministers of Defence have told parliament and the country that in addition to the three divisions for which provision has been made, the infantry battalions of a fourth division will be mobilised; further ancillary troops will be raised for the Canadian corps which will take the field in Europe; five thousand more men will be added to the Canadian Air Force, and the air training plan is being speeded up. More veterans will be enrolled in reserves for the home defence force and war industry is being geared to much greater activity.

With the announcement that complete plans have been made for the establishment of seven more schools for the air training plan, considerable progress has been made on more than two thirds of the units which will be in operation when the entire program is complete. Plans call for 111 units. Progress has been made on 81. This is felt to be very encouraging and shows that the program is quite up to if not in advance of schedule. It has been stated in parliament that steps are being taken to give additional impetus to this plan which will furnish a constant and growing stream of trained airmen for the battle-front where they are so urgently needed to overcome the numerical superiority of the Germans.

Parliament has passed an appropriation of \$700,000,000 to pay war expenses for the present fiscal year. Of this amount \$265,000,000 is for the army, \$100,000,000 for the navy, \$100,000,000 for the air force, \$120,000,000 for the air training scheme, \$60,000,000 for the establishment of the Canadian corps and \$38,000,000 for the year's cost of the third division now being mobilised. There is one division in Britain, one to be despatched when the time is ripe, and the third being formed while the fourth will also be mobilised promptly as far as its nine rifle regiments are concerned.

The budget which is expected to be introduced in a week or ten days will cover a total expenditure of about \$1,150,000,000. While war expenses are much higher than for an equivalent period of the last war because mechanisation is a major element of modern warfare, the ordinary expenses of the government have been cut down in the estimates by \$77,000,000 from last year's figures. The estimates for the present fiscal year for ordinary expenses of government amount to \$448,000,000, compared with \$525,000,000 last year. The main reductions were in the Canadian National Railway deficit placed at \$15,000,000 instead of \$43,500,000, in the estimate for public works throughout the country and in appropriations for unemployment relief. Estimates for all expenses not connected with the prosecution of the war were cut down. There is no means of knowing what new taxes are intended. Information of that kind is most carefully reserved until the budget is made public. They will certainly be higher, probably mainly on luxuries. The policy of the government is as far as possible a "pay as we go" policy, but at the same time much of the money must be raised by borrowing. All this borrowing has to be done in Canada because the two markets in Britain and France are not open, the former because the people of Britain are extending

their own resources to the limit, while the United States market is closed through their neutrality legislation.

To aid in the gigantic task of financing the war, the government has issued war savings certificates and war savings stamps. These are "little bonds" of the Dominion, ranging in value from \$5 to 100, and are issued to enable the man and woman and child of slender means to "help win the war and help you to save".

The mobilization of Canadian industry to supply munitions for the Canadian troops and munitions and food-stuffs for the allied armies and populace has been given a new impetus. New powers are being given the Department of Munitions and Supply. The capacity of the plants of key industries is being doubled. Orders for shells ranging from rifle ammunition to large shells for anti-aircraft guns, field guns and heavy artillery have been greatly expanded while about 60 plants are engaged in the manufacturing of cartridges, fuses and primers for these shells. For these munitions \$40,000,000 is being expended while \$30,000,000 is being used to equip plants for the manufacture of explosives.

King City

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Clark, Mrs. Edith Thompson of Toronto visited at W. Rollings' over the week-end. Mr. Stanley Stein, wife and family visited Mrs. R. Farren and Donald on Sunday.

Many outsiders attended Laskay anniversary services on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert McTaggart and several others from Nobleton heard Rev. Dr. Wm. McTaggart on Sunday evening. Bolton choir were accompanied by friends from Guelph.

Mrs. Earl Patton of Winnipeg represented her husband and son Captain Lloyd Patton, at the recent funeral of the late Mrs. Gladys Patton Fountain. Mrs. Patton visited her sister, Mrs. Fred Willis and from there has made many calls on old friends returning to Winnipeg on Tuesday. Before coming east, the McCallum-Sinclair of British Columbia spent a couple of days at Earl Patton's only to find Mrs. Patton in King a short time after their arrival. Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, son and daughter are here in time for the marriage of Margaret, McCallum, daughter of Mrs. Will McCallum of Toronto, and niece of Mrs. Sinclair.

Miss Harvey of Western Ontario is visiting Mrs. C. Robson.

King Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Colin Stewart on June 11 at 3 p.m. S.T. The roll call will be "a hot weather drink or cool supper dish". There will be a sandwich display and a report of the Keswick convention and glove-making demonstration by Miss Burrows.

Mr. H. Jackson, Supervisor of Music, conducted a music festival for public schools at Schomberg on Wednesday, June 6th, for West King and part Simcoe; and will be at Mechanics Hall, Aurora, on Friday, June 7th for East King schools. Approximately 200 children will sing, interspersed with solo music by pupils. Last year the project met with favour and success and the same qualifications are anticipated this season. The children respond to the co-operative vocal work and meeting their colleagues from neighbouring schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ross of Strange were presented with a mantel clock from a charivari group last week at the home of Mr. L. Scott.

Mr. Maurice Beynon was elected trustee of S.S. 21, Temperanceville at a ratepayers' meeting last week replacing Bill Barker Jr., who has located in Toronto. Inspector C. A. Lapp addressed the meeting on "Larger Administration Units and the New Study Course".

Rev. G. S. Lynd of Downsview addressed Temperanceville Y.P.U. banquet last Friday, the occasion of its 10th anniversary at which ninety were present, former and present members and friends. Miss Mabel Jennings, the first president, offered the toast to the Society, replied by Wilbert Jennings, one of four charter members still in active Y.P.U. service. Mae Harman and Millie Umehara, Temperanceville Tutor editors, gave the Society's history. Rev. Mr. Lynd the organizer, and the then pastor, was warmly welcomed. Nora Rumble, the first secretary, called the roll, covering ten years.

Garden parties to date: Snowball, June 25; Teston, June 26; Strange, June 28; Eversley, July 2nd; Temperanceville, July 3rd.

At Strange on June 28 Schomberg A.Y.P.A. will present a play "The Antics of Andrew".

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COUNTY OFFICIALS PRESIDE AT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Officers of the York County Council of the Home and School Association presided when newly elected officers of the Woodbridge branch were installed last Tuesday evening. Those assuming office were Mrs. A. S. Howl, president; Mrs. Thomas McLean, vice-president; Mrs. Howard Lovett, secretary; Miss Mary Topper, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas Moth, Mrs. Lewis Whitfield and Miss Velma Darker, executive members. Installing officers were Mrs. A. Beattie, president of the York county council, Mrs. Bainbridge and Mrs. Sutton, all of Toronto. Guest speaker for the meeting was Mrs. G. W. Shore, former principal of the Woodbridge school, who chose as his subject, "Recreation". A musical programme was provided by the Little Concession orchestra, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood, Cameron McClure and E. Ballingall, and refreshments were served by a committee under Mrs. T. McLean. The meeting was the group's final session of the season, but plans were made to hold several home baking sales during the summer months.

The newly elected president, Mrs. John Robb, occupied the chair when Woodbridge Senior Institute members met at her home for their May meeting last week. "Legislation" was the theme of the program arranged by a committee under the sponsorship of Mrs. Brownlee. Contributions included a paper on the motto "In Unity in Strength", read by the convener; current events given by Mrs. G. D. McLean, and a paper by Mrs. Barker dealing with the subject "Women M.P.'s in the British House of Commons". In the later item Mrs. Barker also touched on the life of Canada's women M.P.'s. An added feature was a contest conducted by Mrs. A. Marnock.

Twelve district branches of the Women's Institute met in joint session at the Kleinburg Institute Hall on Thursday of last week. The event was the West York District Annual Meeting and reports were presented by the various groups. Guest speaker was Miss Sybil Bennett, of Brampton, who spoke on the British Empire.

Heavy horses were of remarkable high quality at Claireville spring fair on Wednesday. Entries in all classes were higher than former years. Douglas Palmer, 20, Richmond Hill, was first for a second year in the junior farmers' judging competition with 188 points. Other judging winners were: Carmen Livingston, Woodbridge, 180; Howard Laidlaw, Norval, 175; Hugh Gardhouse, Weston, 167; Bert Livingstone, Woodbridge, 165; Paul Smith, Nashville, 161; Garnet Laidlaw, Norval, 160; Wreford Nix, Malton, 159; Arthur Dalziel, Woodbridge, 157. The drop in attendance owing to threatening rain was hardly noticeable.

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And brought to a simple new home of his own
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His floor was of pancheons with cellar below;
The chimney had hooks on a crane,
And busily working on hearth all day
Were kettles and pots on the chain;
A spit for the roast, and the doorlatch undone,
A spinning-wheel perched by the chair;
And hanging on rafters were rod and a gun;
On wall was the pet of a bear.
The Loyalists live now in city and farm
To Empire that none dream'd of then;
Dominion they hold, with no need for alarm
Such exile could happen again;
The centuries roll, but the Loyalists stand
For Faith that is stronger than might;
So Canada honours the Loyalist band
United for Empire and Right.

Two pages of the new book of Canadian ballads by John Murray Gibbon and published by the Ryerson Press, Toronto.

Singing of Canadian -- sixty new songs of Canada have come to life over the past few months and now they are given to the world in John Murray Gibbon's newest book "New World Ballads" which has just come from the Ryerson Press, Toronto. It is a most attractive little book, beautifully printed and illustrated, and for each ballad there is a pleasant singable old tune that Mr. Gibbon has dug from somewhere out of the past. The songs are gathered into ten groups which, in a general way, cover different periods of Canadian history such as "The Pioneers" and "Settlement & Independence", while others sing of mountains, rivers and prairies -- Then too, there are ballads of the canoe, of the trail and of the seasons -- in short it is a very comprehensive book of Canadian song which should meet with a hearty welcome from Canadians everywhere. The tunes selected and printed with the ballads are lovely old melodies which have been brought to Canada by settlers from the British Isles and from Europe. Some of these are dance tunes, some are tunes of which the words are no longer generally known or which belong to a language that is not English. Mr. Gibbon has written the ballads especially for these tunes. The writing of ballads to fit old and well loved tunes dates from the time of Shakespeare. When Queen Elizabeth came to the throne of England in 1558, the balladmonger sang at the fair, the words of broadsheets which he sold for a penny. Shakespeare knew them, and in the snatches of song in "Hamlet", "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "A Winter's Tale" revealed how much he owed to the ballad singers. Up to the time of Oliver Cromwell, lyric poetry was not yet considered as something apart from music, so we find Christopher Marlowe, Ben Jonson, George Wither, John Donne and Robert Herrick, all great poets, still writing verses to old tunes. Later John Gay took tunes from France as well as England, and we find succeeding poets, including Burns, Scott, Stevenson and Moore writing ballads based on a tune. New World Ballads is an ideal collection of songs to make the music hour a memorable one in schools and camps as well as in homes.