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**Who Are Behind Efforts To Embarrass Government**

An Editorial in the Fergus News-Record (Independent)

At a time when we know that many persons are quite in earnest about wanting the Canadian government to make a greater effort towards winning the war, and when people of all political faiths have been induced to join in making the demand, we hesitate about offering any criticism, but we feel that a word of warning may be in order and indeed may be wise and proper.

While, as we say, many people are honestly joining in the movement, without any thought of politics, that is not universally true. Is it in reality a political movement which is an aftermath of the late election? Are those who stirred up this demand for action the same ones who tried to have Canadians elect Dr. Manion as their prime minister? Having failed to persuade the Canadian electors to carry out their plans for a nebulous form of "National Government," are they trying to open the back door and push in their "National Government" (now without Dr. Manion) by taking advantage of a serious military situation? Are they more concerned about embarrassing the government and getting rid of Prime Minister King than they are about winning the war?

The answer will be an indignant "No," but it is unfortunate if politics get mixed up with the war effort, and weaken it rather than strengthen it. If the final result is to strengthen the government and the war effort and to unite the Canadian people as a whole, there won't be much cause for complaint — but that may not happen as a result of present tactics.

As we said, we do not question the good faith of many of those now demanding a greater effort. It is well to have Canadians in that state of mind. It is to be hoped they keep up their enthusiasm, for they will need it as new budgets are enforced, as the casualty lists begin to come in and as Canadians generally find out that the war is our main effort and all other things are subsidiary. We will need a united Canada, not a divided one. And we note with pleasure that a cabinet minister, Col. Ralston, rebuked a Liberal member for talking politics in the House when he should have been concentrating on the war effort.

Perhaps the people who live in the Toronto area have heard more than their share of the complaints

raised lately. The reason is simple. The "growing clamor" as the Telegram truthfully calls it, emanates largely from Toronto. The Telegram itself has been frothing at the editorial page ever since the last election and particularly since parliament met. It never could see that Toronto might be out of step with the rest of Canada. The Globe and Mail has recently ceased to be a newspaper and has become a propaganda sheet. Look at it calmly some morning and note how little news it contains outside the front page, the women's pages and the sport pages. Judith Robinson, whose harp has lost every string but one, is the daughter of John R. Robinson, native of this district and former Telegram editor. Those members who have been carrying the campaign into parliament are from Toronto. There is a demand that Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton be brought back from England "to direct Canada's war effort," presumably as minister of national defence. Why? Is it because Major-General McNaughton, though chosen by a Liberal government to head the first division, is a Conservative?

These are a few of the things which arouse doubts. Many more names might be mentioned. If these people are sincere in their effort, we do not want to hinder them; if they could convince us, we would indeed be glad to join them. But the names of the promoters and their arguments arouse doubts. We ask our readers to ponder these things and make up their own minds, always remembering that it is only two months since the electors registered a decisive preference, and in a democracy it is difficult to reverse a decision in so short a time—even if it seemed necessary.

Legitimate criticism of the government has a place even in wartime. Veterans of the last war surely have a right to grouse about present efforts if they feel like it. When a group of representative weekly newspaper editors met in Ottawa early in the month, they were frankly critical and they learned that much had been done of which the public knew nothing. It was suggested that cabinet ministers should broadcast at regular intervals some of the things Canadians ought to know. This has been done lately, and the speeches are excellent. Newspapers are being supplied with definite figures.

For instance, an article supplied from the department of public information this week answers some of the questions we have been asked since going to Ottawa. It is often said that the Canadian soldiers are short of uniforms, socks, boots and the like. Deliveries up to the middle of May included 400,000 blankets, 15,000 pairs of boots (all solid leather), 270,000 shirts; 775,000 pairs of socks; 155,000 uniform blouses and jackets and 190,000 pairs of trousers. The weekly rate of production at present is 20,000 blankets, 20,000 pairs of boots, 5,000 battle uniforms, 80,000 suits of underwear and 40,000 pairs of socks.

There are about 250 construction projects under way, mainly coast defences, fortifications, hangars and submarine defences. Mention has already been made on this page of the motorized equipment being turned out in Canadian factories at the rate of 200 army trucks or gun tractors a day. There are about 2,000 of these to a completely equipped army division, 3,000 have been sent overseas already and about twice that many are completed out of an order for 9,000 units. Orders for ships have totalled \$47,000,000. All but \$4,000,000 worth are being built in Canada. Britain is building two new destroyers for the Canadian navy.

These are the kind of things that the Canadian people want to know. They are being made public since parliament met, but some of them might have been told sooner. Incidentally, there is one body which seems to have earned nothing but praise—the wartime prices board. It is generally agreed that this one board has cut out profiteering. That was one of the scandals of the last war. Equipment manufactured also appears to be good, with no shoddy cloths and no cardboard soles in shoes or similar crimes committed during the earlier period of national emergency.

At a sale at Brampton fair grounds on Tuesday, 64 head of cattle were sold at an average price of \$203. The highest bid was \$1321.

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The wedding of Miss Wilhelmina Louise Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson of Aurora, to David Elwin Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Patton of Pottageville, took place at the parsonage at King City, May 18th, 1940, the Rev. D. G. Davis officiating. The bride was married in dusky rose with turquoise blue accessories. They were unattended. Later a reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Howard Wood of Schomberg. Following a short honeymoon the couple will reside at Laskay.

**BALLANTYNE-McNEIL**

A wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McNeil, R.R. 2 Woodbridge, on Friday afternoon, May 24th, when their daughter, Miss Sarah Cameron McNeil, became the bride of Harley Ballantyne, son of Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne and the late Robert Ballantyne, of Weston. The Rev. C. H. Bowman of Maple officiated and wedding music was played by Miss Elizabeth Hale of Weston. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Mary McNeil. Best man was Mr. Dick Samm of Weston. Following a reception the couple left for a wedding trip in Northern Ontario. They will reside at Weston.

A horned owl with a wing spread of four feet was shot by Alex. Greig, Georgetown, on Saturday. He blames it for frequent disappearances from his chicken yard.

A. C. Forrest of Maple was one of four men licensed to preach the gospel and recommended for ordination as ministers when a United Church Presbytery meeting was held in Toronto last week. The candidates were introduced by Dr. Fred Langford.

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