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THE TWO ROADS

There are two methods of carrying on a war - the democratic and the totalitarian. We have chosen deliberately the democratic concept. It leaves something to the individual. He still retains, in large measure, his freedom of action. He seeks the work for which he is best qualified, he directs his effort towards the things which he feels he is best fitted to do. The state, it is true, may exercise certain powers of persuasion, economic forces direct his steps, but he is drawn towards the task in which he is engaged by his personal likes or dislikes, his training, his qualifications for the work, and by the reward which he receives for his effort.

In the totalitarian state it is different. Direction comes from the central authority. Men are placed in industry. They remain there until they are called to some other task. Industry takes care of the men engaged. The pay is limited. The standard of living is low. Rationing in food, fuel, clothing, started from the beginning of the war - even earlier than that. The work is directed by the state - the state is everything, the individual is

nothing. There are advantages in both lines of approach. If the conscious effort of the nation is to be devoted at all times to the task of war, to the enslavement of men if the individual is always to be of relative insignificance and the state alone is the sole factor, then it may be admitted that for a time at least there is greater striking force and power within the totalitarian method. But it carries with it the seeds of destruction. It leaves nothing to the play of the human emotions. It does not measure the desire for freedom which has always been an element in the lives of men, and always will so long as men are free. It assumes that man is a machine, that he is capable of functioning as a machine. The tragedy of Germany is not that the people have become enslaved to a mad ideal but that they no longer care "to cancel their own captivity."

We desire to live in freedom, to live under a democracy. Me must mobilize the manpower and womanpower of the nation. That is the plan back of national registration, which opens on August 19. It is an effort to organize on a larger scale for earlier victory than might otherwise be achieved.

WAR AND UNEMPLOYMENT

What should be done in a struggle such as this? There is only one way by which we can assure success — throw what we have into the conflict. It involves all the strength of the nation, human, material and spiritual. This is totalitarian war. We will have reached the zenith of our power when every individual, confident of the righteousness of our cause, moves forward to the defence of freedom, the defeat of autocracy; doing from day to day the work, which, in its broadest sense, responds most clearly to the national need.

How far are we succeeding in this task? The present situation in regard to unemployment is the answer to that question. We are moving rapidly to full employment, and therefore towards a tremendous increase in production. The index of employment in manufacturing, stood at 130.3 in July of this year. This is higher than in any other year in Canadian history. It is nearly fifty points above the level of the depression year, 1933. In that year it stood at 80.7.

We have travelled a long way since the dark days of the depression. The national income is rising. Industry is seeking the worker. National registration is national stocktaking of the available human material. It should help to speed up production. We shall be a very busy people during the next few years - but name one man who has ever discovered a nation idle - yet happy!

MAN-POWER

We can estimate, as far as numbers are concerned the manpower and womanpower of the nation. A recent speech in the House of Commons gave the following figures. There are in Canada roughly 4,700,000 men and women between the ages of 18 and 44. Of these 2,400,000 are males and 2,300,000 females. Between the ages of 44 and 59 the total male population is 950,000 - female over 820,000. Eliminating for the moment those of 60 years and over and those who are under 18 years of age, and in both these classes there are tremendous reserves of energy and capacity, and we have some idea of our manpower and womanpower.

This is only a quantitative analysis — it tells us the numbers involved. We must also know the experience and training of the Canadian people. Within the ranks of the nation are men capable of filling almost every position. The task of today is to search them out and find the work for which they are best qualified.

That is why we hold, on August 19, 20 and 21, a national stock-taking of our human resources. It is a plain recognition of the fact that the veins of wealth do not lie in silver and gold, nor in bonds, stocks and bank balances, but in the producing power of the men and women of the nation. The mechanics of the problem are very simple. When you register you answer several questions. These answers help to measure the qualifications of the millions of men and women of the nation. The object of registration is to increase production, to mobilize the manpower and womanpower of the nation, to carry on, more efficiently than ever before, the struggle in which

National Registration is a necessary step in the assembling of all the resources of the country. It is necessary to help win the war which is the most important job at the moment of every man and woman in Canada. Every loyal Canadian will do everything possible to facilitate the work of the army of workers engaged in the task of taking this National registration next week. It is a patriotic duty to help in every possible way.

we are now engaged.

It has been stated many times in the past and will be many times in the future that pedestrians on highways should not walk with the motor traffic but should travel on the opposite side of the road and facing the oncoming cars. But, probably as long as there are both cars and pedestrians using the one roadway, the walkers will, perversely, do the opposite of what is in their own best interesis.—Perth Courier.

LOOKING BACKWARD

A WEEKLY GLIMPSE AT LOCAL HISTORY

By Paul L. Fox

About the year 1840 there lived in Richmond Hill a quaint old lady who lived in an ancient building which has of course been removed. She was the owner of a village lot, the products of which provided her with an honest livelihood. With a Scotch name and a Scotch parentage she inherited a love for a neighbourly chat. Her circumstances were comfortable according to her position in society. She was notable for three characteristics, a very 'lively tongue, a long clay pipe and an ever ready switch with which she educated her own boy, and any other boy that came within her reach. Her curriculum of public education was! principally "object lessons", and on the object her instructions generally her favorite long clay pipe was in left very deep impressions.

ners and original in dress. She lived before Paris began to govern Around the bed were a number of formal instructions in a unanimously the world of fashion with its latest. half tipsy mourners convulsed with approved motion, to request the Her designs were local, but none the ill-suppressed laughter. The arrival school board for an immediate conless were distinguished. She wore of the coffin changed the scene. as a headress a great white cap with Levity gave place to seriousness. In carried out this summer. Earlier in a frill of huge dimensions. Parasols due time the remains of the old lady the year council approved the newere not in style among the early were deposited in the village ceme- cessity of the work, to be carried colonials so expansive frills were tery. selves scarce accordingly.

Later the old lady died and as day.

was the custom in those days she was 'waked'. In those days wakes were very much more attended than they are nowadays. Everybody thought he ought to go and everybody went.

On this occasion there was a large crowd of sympathizers. Towards midnight the hours became longer and all the current topics were exhausted. A group of boys were outside the residence (for boys were not allowed to attend the wakes). They, however relieved the tedium of the moment by watching their elders through the window.

The late lamented old lady was sitting upright in her bed her huge white cap with its inevitable frill perched on the top of her head and her mouth. She sat there apparent-The old lady was antique in man- ly enjoying a quiet smoke as though the school board's proposed school in real life.

used as sunshades. When the boys | What would now be thought the of twenty-five hundred dollars as reused to see the frills coming along setting aside of the properties of quested by the board. they would know that their owner modern society were then looked was not far behind and make them- upon as the pranks of the thought- having decided on a special session less and among the humours of the to be keld within a few days. It was

Men of the British Navy

By "Taffrail", the famous naval writer

British Navy since the war began sea of mud. and the need for a continuous supfor the hardest struggle of its exist- ground. also be filled.

have visited two naval establish- men there under training at the time police patrol of the river should be ments in Britain where men are be- of my visit; but the eventual total ing trained for the Navy. One was will be larger, for the place is still a barracks which has been in exist- being added to. walk of life.

the best material he had come across | tine and exercise, had done marvels. in his long experience. Indeed, as The men under training representtremendously keen."

Canada have their own navies; but Polar medal for Antarctic explora-I saw men from Newfoundland, Trin- tion; another who had been in the idad, and other places abroad, in- Black Watch, that famous Scottish cluding one who had a job at £700 regiment, for ten years and had a year in South America and who risen to the rank of sergeant; and had worked his way home for the a gallant Canadian who had served set purpose of joining the Navy as in the British Army in the last war, an ordinary seaman. I asked about and had joined the Navy for this. some of their callings before they. What so struck me was the keenhad joined up.

able job ashore," I was told. "There ed the contractor's workmen still are several commercial travellers, a employed about the place who incivil servant, a taxicab proprietor, a sisted on doing voluntary drill four men's outfitter and a dance band nights a week to make themselves conductor."

The camp I mentioned was built Yes. The whole atmosphere of the up; but on January 10, when it was country. commissioned as a man-of-war with Knowing a little about these things about 400 trainees, it still looked I realised the tremendous effort that rather like a devastated area. I saw was being put into the task of turnphotographs taken at that time, with ing out these men for the Navy, and the roadways half-completed, piles of the forethought and work that had timber and buildings material lying gone to produce the results I saw here and there, and the skeleton not only in the men themselves; but

In spite of the large number of | framework of huts, and a huge cinships that have been added to the ema and canteen, rising out of a

And now that camp has four great after we have another drowning," he ply of trained seamen, many hun- blocks of huts each complete in itdreds more young men wish to join self with messroom, kitchen, sleep- vided on the river banks and indithe Navy than the Navy can poss- ing quarters and washing accommo- cated the by-law calls for "adequate" ibly absorb. Numerous applicants dation. It has its cinema to seat a must necessarily be disappointed at | thousand, offices, canteen, sick bay, being unable to serve at sea; but officers' block, food and clothing "It's up to our police to say what's with the British Empire mobilised stores, and a huge concrete parade adequate."

ence the preference of individuals It takes on an average of 230 new cannot always be met. The needs entries a week for an intensive ten with parks. of the other fighting Services must weeks' course in discipline, drill, seamanship including boatwork, and ing noisy swimming parties as late In the course of the last week I gunnery. There were about 2,500

ence for many years, and the other | Likely men of all ages between a chance to train in their home town a hutted camp which did not exist | 171/2 and 40, many of them volun- | if they wished to do so. He reportat the beginning of the war. In these teers, but some enrolled under the ed the government plan is based on two places combined something like National Service Act, have been tak- "We have a thousand people," he 4,500 men were in training - men en into the Navy for the war. I said, "which means we could only drawn from every profession and watched them at drill under arms on the parade ground, at gun drill At the camp I talked to a Royal with 4-inch and 12-pounders, on the been advised they could not form a Marine Officer who had rejoined at rifle range, and in the gymnasiums local unit. the outbreak of war, and was re- engaged upon those recreational exsponsible for the physical training. ercises which encourage mental and He was something of a psychologist, physical alertness. I noted the diffand during his retirement had had erence in physique between those a great deal to do with the train- who had joined a few days before marvels of the day. - (From the ing and welfare of the young. He and those about to leave. The good Argonaut.) told me that he was dealing with food, combined with the regular rou-

he had written in one of his reports ed a true cross-section of Britain's -"They are wonderful material and population. Practically every sort of calling and profession was repre-At the barracks I saw a large sented. There were architects and number of men on parade who had surveyors, a sign writer, a musicbeen under training for a few days | hall comedian, an operatic tenor, and to a few weeks. Some, indeed, had a man who had been in an acrobatic not been kitted up beyond their uni- troupe since the age of fourteen. form caps. One outsize fellow well A football player from a famous over six feet tall could not squeeze league team mingled with three unhimself into any of the garments dergraduates who had been studying in the store. His clothes had to be theology at Cambridge University, specially made for him in the tailor's and a man who had worked on the shop, instead of merely being alt- fish dock at Hull. There was a professional ratcatcher from the West Australia, New Zealand, India and Country: a man who had earned the

ness and vitality of the whole estab-"We've men from every conceiv- lishment, keenness which had infect efficient in the use of arms.

on about 250 acres of what had been place was refreshing and full of meadowland at the outbreak of war. bustling energy with every officer Huts and buildings began to spring and man out to do his best for the

also in the camp, which had virtually started from nothing.

Many of the officers came from the retired list, with others from the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Most of the petty officer instructors were pensioners. I particularly noted the way they spoke to and treated the men under training - as comrades serving in a common cause, not as raw recruits to be barked at and chivvied.

I came away greatly impressed. The men I saw under training were splendid material, as the Royal Marine officer had told me. What neither he nor the Commodore in command had mentioned was the truly magnificent work that was being done by the officers and permanent staff of the establishment.

WOODBRIDGE COUNCIL IN AUGUST SESSION

In session Tuesday night Woodbridge village council moved to clear up uncertainty regarding action on extension building program. As a result, Clerk E. W. Brown received firmation or denial to reports that the building program will not be out during the summer vacation, and incorporated in their budget an item

Council's action may result in a lower 1940 tax rate, the members forecast that a new and lower budget would be adopted, eliminating the item for building purposes, unless a statement from the board promises definite action on the proposed work.

During the session, considerable debate centred around enforcement of a parks control by-law. Alleged lack of life saving equipment on the Humber river caused Councillor C. Shannon, police committee chairman, to ask the council's authorization for enforcement of the by-law's provisions. "It's going to be too late declared. Chief C. F. Lewis reported life saving equipment is not proequipment. Debate on interpretation of the word "adequate" resulted in Reeve N. G. Wallace's declaration

Councillor A. B. Cousins recommended the erection of warning signs at river points not connected

Complaints from citizens regardas 3 a.m., made to Councillor J. Watson, brought a suggestion that a late inaugurated.

Discussing the government's civil guard plan, Reeve Wallace advocated giving "50, 60 or 100" local men 1/2 of 1 per cent of the population. appoint five guards and they would have to train somewhere else in the county." The village had earlier

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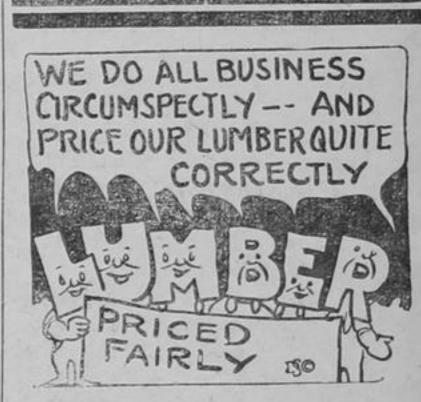
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