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Prime Minister in West Sees Canada's War Work

Wherever Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King has stopped on his long journey through Western Canada, he has seen a zest and an enthusiasm for the job that has seemed as boundless as the mountains and the prairies themselves. With ears and eyes focussed upon the sounds and the sights of a vigorous nation at war, he has toured shipyards, air stations, naval bases, army camps and aircraft plants. One thing was common to every visit. The Prime Minister invariably emerged from his inspection wearing a smile that reflected his satisfaction with and confidence in the things he had seen.

The West's first greeting to Mr. King was a parade of men and war machines which took nearly ninety minutes to pass the saluting base. That was at Calgary. Newspapermen from all parts of Canada who were on hand to see the show just shoved back their hats and whistled in downright admiration as the last of the parade passed by.

Next stop was Vancouver, where the Prime Minister saw ships of war take shape before his eyes as plates were slammed upon ribs of steel with a rapidity that promised there would be plenty of Canadian hulls riding the seas before many months have passed. He chatted with workmen about their jobs. Each man was obviously proud to explain his part and the Prime Minister seemed eager to listen.

A significant aspect of this tour is the fact that official ceremonies have been cut to a minimum. This is a close-hand inspection of what Canada's Western provinces are doing in the job of ensuring victory and the Prime Minister has personally talked to twenty men in overalls or khaki for one in striped trousers. Constantly, he asks questions. When was this keel laid

down? How long before this class graduates? How many men are being trained to operate this gun or that type of airplane?

At Victoria, where ships bid goodbye to Canada as they nose out into the Pacific, the Navy held the spotlight during the Prime Minister's visit. He inspected the big naval training station at Esquimalt and watched while hundreds of brawny sailor lads swung smartly by to the tune of "Hearts of Oak." It was Dominion Day. Speaking to the assembled sailors at the end of their display the Prime Minister said he had lived through sixty-six anniversaries of Canada's Confederation without ever witnessing one quite so thrilling as this.

From Esquimalt he journeyed to the new naval college H.M.C.S. Royal Roads where he met the young men who will command the vessels that are sliding down the ways of Canada's shipyards.

"When I look upon your faces," said Mr. King, "I see a vision that gives me confidence in the future of our country."

Straight as ramrods stood these young men as they listened to the leader of their country bid "God be with you in the task you have taken upon your hands."

Sharing the honors in the Prime Minister's busy day of inspection at Victoria was the Officers' Training School at Gordon Head, just outside the city. The cadets put on a realistic show that included smoke screens, artillery drills, and the booming explosions of "bombs" placed at different points on the training grounds.

Returning east, Mr. King will make numerous stops to view war activity. His visit to Victoria made the third inspection tour of his entire journey to the Pacific Coast. Long days of travel have eaten up the remainder of the time, but at practically every station some message has gone aboard to be looked after by the Prime Minister in his "office on wheels."

Weed of the Week Poison Ivy

Poison Ivy is being dealt with this week, not because it is a weed in cultivated fields but because it is a menace to children and adults. Everyone should know this weed. It is seen along roadsides, woods and thickets in many parts of Ontario and is also found in the neighborhood of many summer resorts and bathing beaches.

Poison Ivy can be eradicated 100 per cent, says John D. MacLeod of the Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture, by spraying with chemicals. Cottagers might spare their families a lot of grief and misery by writing the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture for an illustrated pamphlet on Poison Ivy. It has a large colored picture of the weed and full directions as to the best methods of eradication. The bulletin also gives methods of treatment for poisoning.

Watch for leaves in groups of three, smooth glossy and firm.

Hand pulling is often the simplest way to get rid of small patches of Poison Ivy. Trailing parts should be pulled or grubbed out. Gloves should be worn and rubber boots too. They should be washed after each period of work. Persons susceptible of poisoning should leave the work to others.

If spraying, use either of the following two chemical mixtures: 1. Dissolve 1 lb. of Sodium Chlorate and 1 lb. of Elephant Brand Ammonium Sulphate in 1 gallon of water and spray to saturation any time after the middle of June using a fine nozzle sprayer with as much pressure as possible. Each ingredient should be put separately into the water immediately before spraying.

2. Spray with Atlacide Weed Killer 2 lbs. per gallon of water. Apply in the form of a fine spray any time during the growing season. If new growth appears late in the fall, a second spraying will be necessary. Consult your Weed Inspector regarding where these chemicals may be obtained.

Southern Ontario, Toronto, and Woodbridge would now be within range of bombers from a new Nazi naval base established in Greenland by the Bismarck if that battleship had not first been intercepted and destroyed by the British Navy. This was the opinion expressed by Lieut. Commander Gordon B. Jackson, of the Royal Canadian Navy, speaking at a municipal Victory Loan rally in Fun Dale Park, Woodbridge, last Saturday evening. Another speaker was Mr. Burgess of Port Credit, organizer for the district loan campaign. Both men were introduced by Major A. A. Mackenzie, chairman of the Woodbridge committee. Films depicting scenes in the present war, plus music and drill displays by the Port Credit Bugle Band entertained the large crowd prior to the ceremonies. Earlier, a parade through the town, headed by Reeve A. B. Cousins, included the visiting band, and cubs and scouts from the 1st Woodbridge troop and pack.

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Farm Help Is Scarce in Ontario

With farm helpers few and far between, Ontario farmers are in desperate need of immediate aid to salvage the hay crop, states A. MacLaren, Director, Farm Service Force, Ontario Department of Labour.

Canada is committed to large quantities of food for Great Britain—112,000,000 pounds of cheese for 1941 and millions of pounds of bacon as well as vast quantities of powdered milk. This means that every wisp of hay must be placed in barns in good condition. This cannot be done with the pitiful amount of man power at present available on farms and calls for quick action on the part of men who could spare at least one day a week on a farm in the vicinity of his city, town or village.

Already thousands of High School boys have been placed with farmers in various parts of the Province, and the farmers are so pleased with the magnificent response of Youth and the efficiency shown that the Farm Service Force has been asked to supply an additional 500 boys.

By enlisting for Farm Service, Ontario Youth is letting Prime Minister Churchill know that "Here's the Food to finish the Job." Adults who are not engaged in essential war industry should follow the example set by youth and heed the farmers' appeal by volunteering to work one day a week to help garner the limited hay crop.

The 6,000 Farm Service Force boys and girls who are doing such yeoman service have made a hit with their employers and farmers who originally were not sold on the idea are now clamouring for them. Mr. MacLaren has applications from 500 farmers that have not been filled. Adults as well as Collegiate boys and girls, who can step into this agricultural breach, should write at once to the Farm Service Force, Department of Labour, Parliament Buildings, Toronto. Your help will aid in Ontario going over the agricultural top in providing Britain with the food necessary to help Churchill finish the job. They also serve who feed the Empire!

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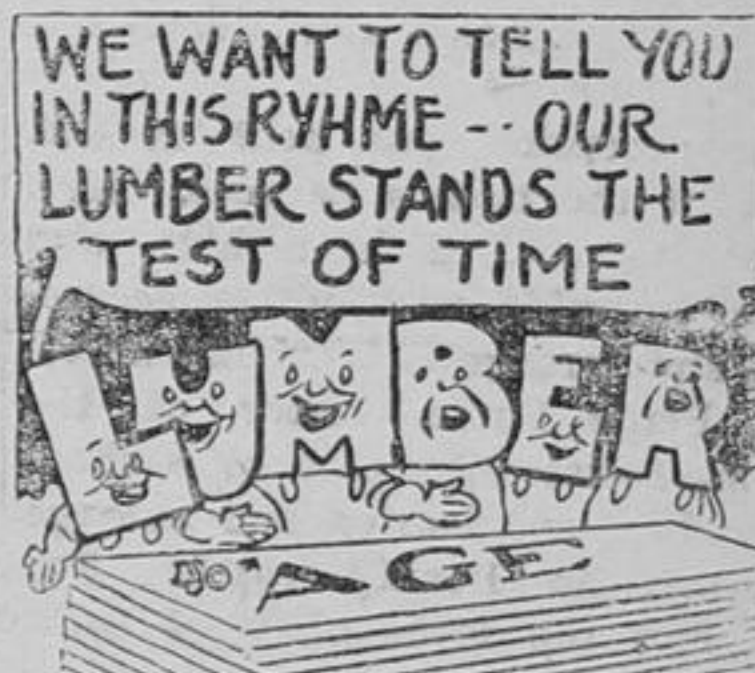
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