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**MR. ILSLEY GIVES WARNING**

It would be well for the people of Canada to take full heed of the warning given by the Hon. J. L. Ilesley, Federal Minister of Finance, at Halifax recently when he pointed out that further belt tightening on the home front was essential for a greater war effort.

Outside of some price increases and volunteer appeals for loan-savings to help the war financing, Canadians at home have felt very little, if any, economic pinch from the war. As Mr. Ilesley warned this is a condition which can not last if war production is to go on at full speed ahead — as everyone knows it must in order that all possible backing may be given those fighting the menace of Hitlerism and aggression.

It is not, of course, always a popular course for a minister to tell people unpleasant truths. But the majority of people would prefer to learn what is to be expected of them and, in view of the reasons, none can refuse anything short of full co-operation.

"We have now come to the stage," Mr. Ilesley warned, "where the choice between guns and butter must affect the average man and woman in Canada. We must accept a temporary reduction in our average standard of living if we are to achieve the necessary standard of fighting. We cannot possibly hope to live as well as most of us are used to living and fight a total war at the same time."

The co-operation that people at home have been asked to give so far is to save all they can afford through war loans, give all they can to war charities, salvage all possible raw materials, and help others to do the same.

It was inevitable when war production started expanding that the day would come when it became necessary to drastically reduce production for domestic needs. This means that Canadians will have to try to get along without things they have become used to. It may seem a hardship at times, but after all no matter how much people at home are asked to give up it will still rank as a small sacrifice compared to those on the fighting front and so all should be willing to do their part.

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**HARASSING HITLER**

In all the countries occupied by Hitler and his gangsters the censorship is very rigid and severe. There is pathetic truth in the saying that the people cannot even call their souls their own. The slightest complaint or criticism brings dire punishment. Despite all this, however, the oppressed peoples find ways and means to express their thoughts and feelings. One story illustrating this fact comes in a roundabout way via New Zealand. A poet in one of the occupied lands published some verse that passed the Nazi censors. At first, the Huns were inclined to encourage the circulation of the poem as it seemed to them to place their idol, Hitler, in favourable light. The poem read as follows:—

I Adolph Hitler, on this, my deathbed,  
 Am suffering bravely great pain.  
 I Wish to make it known to all that I'm  
 Not as the ancient King Herod was—  
 A murderer of women and children. I  
 Have no sympathy for the Poles, who  
 Have fought and lost a useless war  
 I've worked in the interests of, and not  
 Against humanity. I have used my people  
 For the welfare of the Fatherland—Not  
 For my own ends. I've proven myself  
 A true leader and found Joseph Stalin  
 To be a madman and thief and a liar. I  
 Am amused at the Polish nation, who  
 Underestimated the courage of the brave  
 German soldiers. I also laugh at the  
 British and French peoples, who  
 Endeavoured to resist the Germans, who  
 Fought so valiantly and were unafraid.  
 I feel myself slipping away slowly.  
 I now bid you my last farewell. I am  
 Still of the opinion that the French are  
 Going to Hell, where the British  
 Will follow. Heaven's in sight, where my  
 People sent me.

"Auf Wiedersehen."  
 Adolph Hitler (the Truthful).

To the surprise of the Nazis the poem achieved the widest popularity in the occupied section where it was first published. It was accepted with an enthusiasm that at first fed the vanity of the Nazi egotists. Agents of the Gestapo watched the people read the poem silently and grimly at first, but on second reading there would be smiles and chuckles and eyes would dance with mischief and understanding. It took the stupid Nazis a long time to discover the secret of the popularity of this particular poem and when the solution eventually was made, the humourless Huns wreaked vengeance on all and sundry. The secret was that the oppressed people had passed the word around among themselves that the proper way to read this poem was to read the first line, and then every second line.

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**GANDHI AGAINST HITLER**

Mohandas K. Gandhi, the Indian leader who developed the technique of civil disobedience, urges the peoples of invaded and occupied countries to adopt a policy of "non-violence and non-cooperation."

"Even Hitler, whom God sent as a deserved curse on mankind because of their ungodly ways, wouldn't cope with genuine civil disobedience," Gandhi told the United Press in an interview on the occasion of his 73rd birthday.

Gandhi still wants complete independence for India, but he wants Britain to win the war, too.

**Thornhill United Church News**

The Parsonage, Thornhill, Ont.,  
 Monday, October 20th, 1941.

Good afternoon, friends everywhere! Our news for this week is primarily of our Anniversary Services to be held this coming Sunday, October 26th. Our congregation is looking forward with anticipation to the coming of the Rev. Clifford Torrance, B.A., Secretary of the Toronto Home Missions Council, who will be the guest speaker at the morning service. In the afternoon, the newly formed men's class will hold its election of officers and installation of the executive. This service will take place in the church at 2.30 p.m., and all men of the district are cordially invited to be present. At the 7 o'clock service the combined choirs of Thornhill and Willowdale United churches will give a program of sacred music, under the leadership of the Rev. Frank Bowes, Minister of Willowdale United Church, our own organist, Floyd Davies, presiding at the console. Assisting the choirs will be a male quartette, and two soloists from the city. The tentative order of the evening service of worship is as follows:

- Prelude
- Bell; prayer with Choir
- Call to Worship
- Doxology
- Invocation—Choral Amen
- Opening Hymn
- Anthem—Lift Up Your Heads
- Scripture
- Solo—(Miss Mary Robinson) Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled
- Pastoral Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer—Chanted
- Anthem—Send Out Thy Light
- Hymn
- Male Quartette
- Offering
- Offertory Hymn—We Give Thee But Thine Own (First verse only)
- Scripture or a passage of poetry
- Anthem—At Even Ere the Sun was Set
- Solo—(R. N. Smith)
- Brief Message
- Anthem—Land of Hope and Glory
- Closing Hymn
- National Anthem (choirs)
- Benediction
- Choral three-fold Amen.

Immediately following the evening service a Fellowship Period, to which you are all warmly invited, will be held in the Sunday School room. There will be singing from some more of our colored lantern slides, and some special numbers, refreshments bringing to a close the happy activities and fellowship of the day. To all or to any one of these services, as may best suit your convenience, we bid you welcome and look forward to greeting you on Sunday, October 26th. Will you be with us?

The services of intercession are again being held and meetings will take place each Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the three churches, in rotation, as formerly. The service for next week will be held in the S.S. room of the Presbyterian church and we hope that those who were so faithful in their attendance in the past will be with us again on these weekly occasions.

"Pour the balm of the Gospel into the wounds of bleeding nations. Plant the tree of life in every soil, that suffering kingdoms may repose beneath its shade and feel the virtue of its healing leaves, till all the kindred of the human family shall be bound together in one common bond of amity and love, and war shall be a thing unknown but in the pages of history."—Thos. Raffles.

And so, good friends, with this following thought, we say goodbye until next week at this time, and hope to see you Sunday: "If we would see the colour of our future, we must look for it in our present; if we would gaze on the star of our destiny, we must look for it in our hearts."—Canon Farrar.

Sincerely and as ever  
 Your Minister.

To live for a time close to great minds is the best kind of education.

**Looking Backward**  
 By "John"

Among the pioneers to whom we owe much (and to whom we shall continue to be indebted as new areas are opened up) are the country doctors.

In the early days of Upper Canada the young medical man who stepped from the comforts of a University city to a practice in the backwoods had to be possessed of great physical stamina as well as a very real devotion to his profession. Patients were widely scattered and roads too precarious for a horse and buggy so he had to spend many hours in the saddle exposed to every kind of weather.

In 1829 Dr. John Daly from Montreal arrived in York (Toronto) and hung out his shingle at the corner of Dundas and Yonge Streets. After a few months (probably having heard of Dr. Anthony Gapper's departure for England) he decided to come out to this district to see what he could do. Abner Miles secured lodgings for him in Richmond Hill and his services were at once in demand. Evidently the prospects pleased as he confided to the Gappers that in the three months he had been there he had got enough practice to give him £30, though he reckoned on comparatively low charges. Soon he brought his town bred bride-to-be to visit his new friends that she might see for herself how happy people could be without the comforts to which they had been accustomed. Later, as a young wife she sometimes accompanied her husband on his professional calls, setting up behind him on the horse. This was at the suggestion of thoughtful patients who feared she might be lonely in her new surroundings.

After a few years in the country the Dalys returned to York where the doctor gained a reputation as a very able practitioner.

During this period another medical man (probably a half pay officer) bought a farm in York Township, three miles from Thornhill, and his tragic story is related in "Observations on Professions, Literature, Manners and Emigration in the United States and Canada." This book (now out of print and hard to obtain) was written by the Rev. Isaac Fidler who spent a few months in Thornhill in 1832 as minister of Trinity church. Dr. M— as he is described, had moved in the highest circles in England but his new home amid the clearing of a lofty forest was of such an humble nature, that he discouraged any social overtures. The Rev. Isaac Fidler resolved to call upon him nevertheless and walked there one day only to find the poor man mortally ill with Asiatic cholera. There was only one room in the house and he lay in a little cubicle curtained off at one end. He died shortly afterwards and being a military man, was accorded a suitable funeral at York. The soldiers who attended however had been ordered not to touch the coffin on account of contagion, so much of the toil and danger fell to the lot of the Archdeacon who conducted the service. He procured the assistance of his own son and together they lowered the coffin into the grave.

Rather strangely, at a time when the very name of cholera caused a shiver of apprehension, both the Archdeacon and the doctor's son complained of the small number who had turned out to do honor to the dead man.

Life still leaves human efforts scope.

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Copies of the list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes may be had in the office of the Treasurer, J. M. McDonald, Maple, Ontario. The list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes in the Township of Vaughan was published in the Ontario Gazette on the fourth day of August 1941.

Notice is hereby given that unless the arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, the Treasurer will proceed to sell the land on the day and at the place named in such list published in the Ontario Gazette. The date of the sale named in the said list is the sixth day of November 1941, at ten o'clock a.m. Standard Time. The sale will take place at the office of the Treasurer of the Township of Vaughan in Maple, Ont. Dated at Maple this 18th day of July, 1941.

J. M. McDONALD,  
 Treasurer.

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