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**INCREASE YOUR BOND PURCHASE**

As the war lengthens, Great Britain's needs grow and grow, and as Canada's armed forces increase steadily month by month in terms of men and equipment, the Canadian government has had to revise its estimate of what money must be obtained from the people of the country in order to prevent any slackening of pace. On February 16, the Second Victory Loan Organization will commence a campaign to raise at least \$600,000,000. In all likelihood, much more than that will have to be raised later in the year.

No private citizen is in a position to shrug his shoulders when told about this particular problem at Ottawa. Because in this instance particularly the government problem becomes the problem of each citizen which the government represents. As the government revises the general estimate of new money to be found, the private citizen must revise his estimate of how much he shall subscribe to the forthcoming loan and another or others later in 1942.

Only if the majority of citizens accept the necessity for a revision of the amount of Victory Bonds they had planned to buy in 1942, will higher Victory Loan objectives be reached.

The most earnest plea which the country of Canada can make to the individual citizen at the present time is that he do everything in his power to increase his purchase of Victory Bonds.

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**POLITICAL QUISLINGS REBUKED**

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, recently chosen leader of the Conservative Party, was a casualty in Monday's by-election in South York. For his decisive defeat Mr. Meighen should thank The Globe and Mail, The Evening Telegram, Mr. Hepburn and Col. Drew who were major contributing factors. In excessive zeal to gain party or personal advantage the by-election which at the start looked like a quiet affair was turned into a tub-thumping exhibition against Prime Minister King. The people accepted the challenge of the tub-thumpers and gave a decisive answer. We hope that noisy element in Ontario which seems more concerned about "getting Mr. King" than "winning the war" will take Monday's results as a plain ultimatum from the people that they are sick and tired of their wild rantings. There is no room in Canada's war effort for political "Quislings". We hope they will take Monday's by-elections results as a firm hint to stop throwing "monkey wrenches" and get down to work and pull with the rest of Canada for the maximum war effort.

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**SPARE THE WHITEWASH**

Last year the Toronto and York Roads Commission overspent its budget by some \$112,000 and York County Councillors at their first session of the year gave a pitiful exhibition in trying to find out where it went. There was a lot of talk, requests for a legal opinion, sessions held with the press excluded, but the impressions gained by the average taxpayer is that the County Council don't know much about it and haven't much idea how to find out. One fact was brought out and that was that cars and trucks for the Commission are purchased from Commissioner Farr's firm. The Toronto and York Roads Commission spends a lot of money every year and the people of York County are looking to the County Council for a wide-open investigation with no whitewash. Press reports would indicate that Reeve MacRae of York Township deserves the taxpayers' thanks for bringing the whole thing out in the open for an investigation.

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**ABOLISH COUNTY COUNCILS**

Speaking in the House of Commons Tuesday William H. Moore, veteran member for Ontario County on the subject of "overgovernment in Canada" said "I venture to say, in proportion to population Canada is paying more people for making laws than any country in the world. The cost is tremendous, the confusion appalling." York County Council is large enough for a provincial legislature and as an administrative body costs the taxpayers plenty of money. In any move to reduce the cost of government in Canada the logical place to start is with the County Council. As an administrative body it may have been necessary in the horse-and-buggy days but to-day is an expensive and unnecessary body of administration which should be abolished. It does nothing which could not be done more efficiently by the provincial administration and the local municipal council.

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**OLD VIRTUES NEEDED**

No individual can keep up his peace-time outlay and be able to take his fair share of the obligations inseparable from Canada's participation in the war. This is just as true of governments as it is of individuals. . . . The prudent way of living will be the simple life and it may be that this will also be the healthiest and most wholesome life as well.—Amherst News, Nova Scotia.

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**MONEY IS AVAILABLE**

Occasionally one hears the suggestion it is going to be difficult to subscribe the \$600,000,000 victory loan to be issued next month, but when it is noted that savings banks deposits in Canada amount to \$1,639,000,000 the task need not be of such great difficulty.—Niagara Falls Review.

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**THERE IS A DIFFERENCE**

\$600,000,000 is to be BORROWED from the people of Canada next month, NOT commandeered as it would be under Nazism or Fascism. It will be returned to the people with interest; it will be an investment in the future, and insurance against disaster.—The Halifax Herald.

**Hepburn Out On Limb After Monday's By-Election Results**

MR. MEIGHEN MAY RE-LINQUISH DOMINION CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP

By Russell Fox, Richmond Hill

A proof of the principle that the people are well able to govern themselves was afforded this week in the results of four by-elections for seats in the Dominion Parliament.

Arm chair philosophers have held the contrary to be true, and from academic halls, even here in Canada, the hypothesis has issued at times that a benevolent dictatorship is preferable to democratic government. Theorists of this school may draw a smile of amused tolerance from the public in peace times, but when war is on they may find themselves in an internment camp. At times, too, as in the recent by-elections, efforts have been made to becloud and bedevil issues of moment for partisan profit. But the people are usually able to dig through the smoke of sophistry and emerge with the truth.

The voters in four Canadian constituencies, well removed from each other, came forward this week, unaffected by truth twisters, and declared themselves to be 100 per cent behind the war efforts of the Dominion government. They said to the Prime Minister, Mr. King, in effect:—

"You are right in your decision to come to us with a plebiscite on the question of conscription for overseas service. You refused to do what your critics proposed, namely, to break your pledge to us and to declare that it is expedient to do so; to hold, in fact, that if the war is to be won you must clothe yourself with the raiment of a dictator and try to pass it off on us as the garb of 'responsible government'."

To Mr. King's opponents — and particularly to that gallivanting trinity, Messrs. Meighen, Drew and Hepburn who tried as hard as any Philadelphia lawyer to paint black as white in the ridings of South York and Weland, the voters said:

"Your vaudeville show was remarkably fine; we would have enjoyed it but for the fact that you tried to build your trapeze out of something we value too highly, namely, our liberties and democratic institutions. We don't care for that kind of sport."

The people of the four constituencies realized this great truth: That not since the war began has a battle been lost for lack of men, that all our reverses have occurred because of a shortage of the materials of war, that the government at Ottawa recognizes this fact, but recognizes also that the situation may change, and that if it does change and greater armed forces are required from Canada, they will be on hand and ready to move.

Of the opponents of Mr. King, there remains little to say: Mr. Meighen has sacrificed his senatorship, the reward given him for life long party zeal. It was assumed he could safely expect election in the Tory bound constituency of South York. But instead of election his failure to appreciate that an enlightened public opinion would prevail against the employment of sophistry has succeeded in bringing about the loss of another seat to the Opposition — and that, too, despite the most generous gesture of the Liberal party in declining to contest the by-election. Perhaps Mr. Meighen can find a safer seat, but where throughout the Dominion it would be difficult to say; perhaps he will read the handwriting on the wall and relinquish the Tory leadership.

Col. George Drew will, of course, remain just where he is. He has within a few years made himself an Ontario political institution, if not a "local improvement," and his qualifications as a public entertainer are unsurpassed. An old saying goes: "What would home be without a mother?" and one may ask politically: "What would an election be without a Col. Drew?"

Premier Mitchell Hepburn can not, however, be disposed of thus so lightly. Because of the responsibility of his office, he offers the Liberal party of Ontario a problem. Perhaps that problem could be phrased like this: "When he tried to sell out the party and the province down the river, did Mr. Hepburn cut himself loose forever from all right to public office? Is his usefulness to the Liberal party and the people of Ontario smashed beyond repair?"

**Buttonville News Items**

On Monday night, February 2 the weather prevented the usual crowd from gathering for the Red Cross Euchre and freeze out, but those who did attend report a good time. A bushel of apples donated by Mrs. D. Brown, sold to help along the work of the Red Cross realized \$4.75. Prize winners in the freeze out were 1st, Mr. and Mrs. J. Grainger; 2nd, Mr. Roy Glover and Mr. Bert Nichols. Ladies, Mrs. N. Reid, Mrs. D. Brown, Mrs. A. Newson; men, Mr. A. Brown, Mr. K. Stotts, Mr. Lloyd Pratt. Lucky prizes were won by Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Henry Allan.

A Valentine event of interest is the Red Cross Tea and show of work to be held at the home of our chairman Mrs. A. Newson. Come in the afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock or in the evening from 7 to 10 o'clock. There will also be a white elephant sale. An interesting programme of music, elocution and song has been arranged by Mrs. S. English and Mrs. A. Stephenson.

An extract from an overseas letter gave this copy of their Christmas Day menu:

Breakfast, 8 a.m.—Stewed prunes, shredded wheat and milk, bacon and egg, hot rolls and peanut butter, coffee.

Dinner, 12 noon—Cream of pea soup, celery, roast turkey or goose, sage and onion dressing, creamed potatoes, gravy, steamed brussel sprouts, plum pudding, lemon sauce, Canadian apple and tea.

Supper, 6 p.m.—Cold roast pork and apple sauce, scalloped potatoes, cabbage salad, lemon tarts, cake, fruit and cocoa.

The impassable highways and roads prevented service in Brown's Corners United Church from being held on Sunday afternoon, February 8th. Many of those attempting to arrive home late Saturday evening found to their sorrow that their cars would not go and that the walking was not very good.

You are asked to keep in mind the world day of prayer on Friday, February 20th. The service will be held in Brown's Corners church in the afternoon at 2.30. Never in history

has it been more important for the women of the world to meet in prayer. We hope that very woman of the community will try to attend.

Archer Wallace, a well known Canadian author and lecturer will deliver a lecture at Brown's Corners United Church on the night of March 4th.

Remember the Euchre and freeze-out to be held in Buttonville Hall on Monday night, February 16th.

An inspector, while examining a class in school one day, asked, "Who drove the Israelites out of Egypt. You!" He said, pointing to a small boy in the corner.

"No, sir, 'twas't me," replied the boy, trembling. "I only came back from the country last week!"

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