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NAVY LEAGUE TAG DAY

The Ontario Division of the Navy League of Canada is holding its Tag Day in Richmond Hill Saturday, November 21st and as patriotic citizens of a community allowed to live in peace by grace of the brave arms of our fathers and brothers now serving at sea, on land and in the air, we should do all in our power to support this increasingly active war service organization. For, if we do not help the Navy League, which body is charged by the Canadian Government with looking after the welfare of the men of the Mercantile Marine, how can it, in turn, help those whom we all hold dear—our defenders?

Since the very first day of war the Navy League, which incidentally was able to supply several thousand partially trained men for the Navy, Army and Air Force immediately through its Sea Cadet movement, maintained in peace as well as war, has been serving the men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Merchant Service and the Royal Navy through its "comfort stations" or hostels at all Canadian ports. These are homes away from home where men find recreational facilities, garments to offset exposure, ditty bags, playing cards, music, a friendly atmosphere, a meeting place to meet one's friends. The men leave Navy League hostels with courage restored, as giants refreshed when leave expires.

The personnel of our naval services, according to the recent announcement of the Minister of Naval Affairs has grown to ten times its original size since the beginning of the war. Last year the Ontario Division of the Navy League sent \$175,000 worth of knitted goods and ditty bags to our naval men. This year the demand is so heavy that goods and comforts are being sent to them in thrice the volume of last year's supplies. Naval hostels everywhere are asking for more of everything.

Our Taggers are asking for money to enable the Navy League to carry on its glorious work, and linking our community up even more definitely with the Empire's war effort.

We must not ignore the tagger's outstretched hands, for they form the first link in the chain that stretches from this community to our brave men of the seas, carrying our small but concrete "thank you" for the tremendous service they are doing in protecting and serving us.

SALUTE TO THE NAVY

Next week will be observed throughout Canada as Navy Week, and Canadians may well pause and pay tribute to the men of the senior service whose courage and devotion to duty have saved the world.

Although an "inland town" Richmond Hill already has lost one gallant son on active service with the Royal Canadian Navy. Next Sunday a memorial service will be held for Leading Seaman James Ley, and the supreme sacrifice of this fine young man of this community, adds new meaning and significance to Navy Week observance. The Royal Canadian Navy has made great strides in the past few years. It is today a wartime navy. Most of it was built during this war, and thousands of our fighting sailors have been trained since the war began. There are no great battleships or cruisers in our navy, for these need more time, more money, more skill and experience to build than it has so far been possible to provide.

But Canada has been fortunate in having shipyards in which there could very quickly be built a fine fleet of smaller ships especially designed to ward off attacks from the deadly U-boat, to rescue sailors from ships that have been torpedoed, and generally to provide protection for the ships of our vitally important Merchant Navy.

We cannot say exactly how many of these ships, in all, Canada possesses today. It is a surprisingly large number and it is being increased just as fast as the shipyards can build new ships.

There are five main types of warship in the Canadian navy — Destroyers, Corvettes, Minesweepers, Fairmile sub-chasers and Motor Torpedo Boats. In addition to these there are many fine ships which were not built as warships, but which have been re-built so that they can perform valuable service as fighting-ships. There are the three Canadian 'armed merchant cruisers' — Prince Robert, Prince Henry and Prince David. There are the patrol vessels which used to belong to fishermen, and are now doing useful work in protecting our coasts and sealanes by maintaining a constant patrol in those waters where an enemy might be expected to appear. There are, too, some fine workmanlike yachts, some of which were presented to the navy by their owners, and others of which were purchased early in the war so that the navy could use them to fight submarines, or to train men.

When the war began, Canada had only a handful of fighting ships, and less than sixteen hundred sailors. Today, our navy consists of more than three hundred ships, and we have more than forty thousand sailors.

FARM MACHINERY WEEK SHOULD BE OBSERVED

"The Feast of Weeks", observed under the old Jewish dispensation, is pretty well forgotten, but we have a feast of weeks in Canada. Last week, Education Week, during which parents and others were asked to give special thought to the work of teachers and to those responsible for the formulating of educational policies of the province.

This is "Farm Implement Week", six days set apart for the study by farmers of the conditions of the implements that have been in use with a view to their employment in the coming spring. It has gone out from headquarters that the purchase of new machinery save in very exceptional cases, will not be permitted. Machinery in good working order is necessary to the planting of the seed and harvesting the crop. How necessary then that all classes of implements should be given a thorough inspection and all defects repaired. It should be kept in mind that even bolts and nuts, as well as complete machines, may be difficult to obtain a few months' hence. They may be secured by searching during the days when work is not so pressing but could not be found when needed for immediate use. A disabled tank or plane may cause the loss of a battle. Disabled seeders or binders may cause suffering and loss to the military forces. Farm Machinery Week should be employed in properly housing, repairing and making ready for use every implement on the farm. Such work will return a twofold dividend.

The Children's Corner

"The time has come," the walrus said,
To talk of many things;
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—
Of cabbages—and Kings—
And why the sea is boiling hot—
And whether pigs have wings!"

WHO'S THANKFUL?

"Now what have we all to be thankful for?" said Mrs. Field Mouse, who sat in her soft little gray gown in the fields.

"I am very glad indeed that Farmer Brown left a few turnips in his field for us. I don't know how I should have lived through the winter without them," said Old Man Rabbit, as he hopped on his way to his hole, with a fat turnip in his mouth.

"I'm thankful to Peter," chattered the Red Squirrel. "He counted his nuts, and he left every fifth one for me. I was nicely fixed for the winter."

"I'm glad that the corn bag leaked when Farmer Brown carried it across the barnyard," cawed the Big Black Crow. "My, but I had a feast!"

"I'm thankful to the Hedgehog," said a little prickly seed. "He carried me on his back for half a mile and dropped me here in this nice earth where I shall sprout and grow to be a great tree some day."

"I'm glad I'm alive." It was a wriggling, furry worm that spoke. "He carried me on his back for half a mile and dropped me here in this nice earth where I shall sprout and come out a butterfly next spring."

"Such a good breakfast I had this morning," sang Mrs. Robin from the tree top. "I am thankful to Mary, who lives at the farmhouse for it. There were plain bread crumbs and toasted bread crumbs there for me."

"Bow-wow, Bow-wow," said Rover, the dog, so loudly that the other animals almost ran away. "I had a good bone to eat. I am thankful, too."

"Well, I have more to be thankful for than any of you," said the woodchuck. "I wanted to eat some carrots I saw on the edge of the field just now; but I passed them by — there was a trap behind them."

"How very much we all have to be thankful for," chirped Mrs. Field Mouse, nibbling daintily at a stalk of wheat which she held between her tiny, tiny paws.

HOW GOOD ARE YOU AT GUESSING?

We are reading so much about different countries, aren't we? How would you like to play this game? It is called, "A Game of Countries." At the very end of this Corner you will find the answers to each question. Now, don't look, will you, until you have tried your very best to guess all the answers.

1. What country has the best appetite?
2. What country cries the loudest?
3. What country is most interested in your health?
4. What country is the most delicious when you are hungry?
5. What country is most used in cooking?
6. What country is most used at mealtime?
7. What country is the best hat?
8. What country makes you shiver?

A small boy stood watching a cobbler at work.

"What do you repair shoes with, Mister?" he suddenly asked.

"Hide," said the cobbler sharply.

"Eh?" asked the boy.

"I said, hide" replied the cobbler.

"What for?" the boy asked somewhat surprised.

"Hide—the cow's outside," sighed the old man.

"Don't care if it is—who's afraid of a cow anyway?"

SOMETHING TO MAKE

Take a piece of paper, eighteen inches by eighteen inches. Place your paper on the table. Fold the paper from corner to corner. Crease and open. Turn paper, and fold to opposite corner. Crease and open. Place on the table with one corner towards you. Take right hand edge as sheet now lies and fold so that it meets the centre crease. Crease it and leave it folded. Take left hand edge and fold to centre crease. Crease it and leave it folded. Paste edges along the centre crease. Punch two holes in centre near the top. Attach a string. Attach tail. The kite is made and ready to fly.

"THE FRIEND"

"There are lots and lots of people who are always asking things, Like Dates and Pounds-and-ounces and the names of funny Kings, And the answer's either Sixpence or

A Hundred Inches Long,
And I know they'll think me silly if I get the answer wrong.

So pooh and I go whispering, and Pooh looks very bright,
And says, 'Well, I say sixpence, but I don't suppose I'm right,'
And then it doesn't matter what the answer ought to be,
'Cos if he's right, I'm Right, and if he's wrong, it isn't Me."

ANSWERS TO "A GAME OF COUNTRIES"

1. Hungary; 2. Wales; 3. Hawaii; 4. Turkey; 5. Greece; 6. China; 7. Panama; 8. Chili.

Buttonville

Remember the Red Cross Euchre and Freeze-out on the night of November 23rd in Buttonville Hall. Corporal Harry McGimpsey and Private J. Hood spent the week-end at their respective homes.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Reid (nee Edith Craig) of Leaside on the arrival of a daughter.

On Tuesday at the Red Cross work meeting in the Hall time was taken from the making of quilts and sheets for the annual meeting. The president, Mrs. Newson, called for the reports of the different convenors. Mrs. Burr gave the work or sewing report showing that 153 articles were completed during the year. Mrs. Russel Boyington gave the quilt report showing that 27 quilts were done. Mrs. Newson's knitting report listed a great number of socks, sweaters, etc., completed. Miss D. Stephenson gave the secretary's report of last year's annual meeting. Mrs. G. Kelly presided during the election of officers. Officers elected were: Past President, Mrs. W. Craig, President, Mrs. Newson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. G. Kelly; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. S. English; Sec-Treas., Mrs. N. Reid; Work Committee, Mrs. Burr (convenor), Mrs. Walton, Mrs. McQuay, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Brown; Quilt Committee, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Glendinning, Mrs. Fuller.

Services at Brown's Corners United Church from now until further announcement is made will be Sunday School at 10 and church at 11 o'clock. Mr. A. Rice is the student in charge.

Red Cross Euchre and Freeze-out in Buttonville Hall on Monday, November 23rd at 8:20 p.m. sharp. Admission 25 cents.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

SUGGESTS REDUCTION IN COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Unionville, Ontario,
November 16, 1942.

Editor The Liberal,

Dear Sir:—

I have been very interested in your editorials concerning the move to pay York County's representatives on the Toronto and York Roads Commission a fat salary, and on the subject of County Councils and their usefulness.

I am sure there is a great body of public opinion supporting the views so well expressed in your columns.

I would be very glad to see a move made at once to bring about this reform, and I think it is a hopeful sign when County Councillors express this same view. It seems to me that the difficulty is that County Councillors appear to be the only ones who benefit from County Council, and therefore it has been hard to get any constructive action from them.

A York County Council of over fifty seems too ridiculous for words. Pending the abolishing of County Councils as a part of our governing system which I am sure will some day be brought about, I would suggest through your columns that the size and expense be reduced by the elimination of deputy-reeves.

This is a step which could be taken without sacrifice to any,—except the deputy-reeves—and would tend to increase public confidence in our governing bodies.

INTERESTED READER.

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