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RATIONING HERE TO STAY

We may as well face up to it that rationing is here to stay for the duration and probably longer. We must be prepared, too, for the times when rationing may be extended to commodities other than those now under coupon and those presently foreshadowed. There is little point at this late date in blaming the government, no matter what censure might properly be accorded. It is the business and the duty of everyone to accept the facts as they are or as they develop. It is a duty of the press to inform and to foster cheerful acceptance of this wartime emergency. Every last person in Canada, rich and poor, old and young, will be affected under the rationing system. There are a few observations that need to be made.

Let us understand, first, that the people of Britain, embattled as they have been, have long since endured cheerfully a most rigid rationing far more drastic than we are likely to experience. They hav ecarried on most magnificently. They have faced the facts and they will continue cheerfully to do so. It may help us some in our thinking to consider also the case of our great neighbor to the south. Just over a year into the conflict, we find that they have a system of rationing more widely and deeply extended than have we and their people are measuring up to the necessity. Then there are the enslaved democracies suffering privations far worse than rationing. Let us look abroad and then turn and view our moderate case.

The simple fact is that no Canadian has so far felt the pinch of rationing. We have made no sacrifices. We have lost a few luxuries all in the line of duty and necessity. That is all and there is no need for grumbling. In time there will come adjustments which will iron out present disproportions. In the matter of butter and beef at the moment there is some confusion and probably misallocation but no one is starving or even suffering from lack of nutritive food. It should not be long, under present plans, until all are served most equitably. Hoarding simply must not be tolerated. Complete information for the general public is the prime essential and we believe that this is now well in hand by our government.

ARE YOU PULLING YOUR WEIGHT?

Just stop and ask yourself what part you play in the building and progress of your community or district -and what part you play in organized war effort. Do you donate what you can spare? If you do, well, that's as it should be. And so far as the war effort is concerned it should be an unanimous answer. But are you a voice in the lodges, the church, farm organizations, women's organizations, the service club, the agricultural and horticultural societies, the sporting organizations, the Red Cross, and the many other activities which spell progress or decline to any town or district?

It is axiomatic that man should not hope to thrive on the lone labors of his brother. And nature, fate, or call it what you will, has way of making things work out that way. The more shoulders to the wheel, the faster goes the wagon and less are its chances of getting stuck in the rut.

There are willing workers in every community and district; but these are times of stress and the work of these workers has been doubled.

Now, more than ever, it's time to "PULL YOUR

WEIGHT!"

HEALTH INSURANCE

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Health insurance bids fair to be the next piece of

social security legislation attempted in Canada.

A few days ago, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of Pensions and Health, intimated that the Government has been "discussing the general principles of health insurance, but we have not finalized our plans yet." Now the Canadian Medical Association has by resolution approved "the adoption of the principle of health insurance."

It has been pointed out frequently that ill health is one thing the average family in the small income group cannot budget for. Rent can be figured out. Food costs and clothing can be estimated. A certain amount can be set aside for entertainment. But expenditures for medical attention or hospitalization and so on are something that cannot easily be gauged or taken into account in budgeting. So illness is always a special problem for families in the low or medium income groups.

That is one of the arguments put forward in support of health insurance, a system under which the community work together to meet the problem of the individual. As the importance of national health has come to be more widely recognized, the idea of health insurance has come

to be more generally considered.

The scheme is new to Canada. But in Great Britain a start was made over 30 years ago on a program of compulsory health insurance. What form the measures proposed for Canada will take will not be known until the Government's scheme is finally drafted and made known. But the support announced by the Medical Association is an important step.

Of course, the association does not intend to buy

a pig in a poke. The statement issued by Dr. E. A. Archer, president, says:

"In adopting this resolution, the Medical profession reserves the right to refrain from supporting any health insurance measure which would not meet the needs of the people, particularly those of limited income, or which would lower or even not raise the standard of quality of the services rendered to the sick."

The association is careful also to make it clear that its resolution "does not imply support of 'state medicine'." Yet it is of value to have its members take a stand favoring a program to enable an extension of medical service.

Encouraging Reports Feature Annual Meeting Newtonbrook United Church Held Jan. 28

230. Some of the activities were:

Annual congregational dinner; St.

entertained the Toronto Centre Pres-

ing various food stuffs but a special

offering was taken in view of this.

of the choir. Receipts were \$35.89.

They had a substantial balance of

choir recently. A hearty vote of ap-

Mrs. W. T. New gave a concise

report of the Auxiliary of the W.

ship were stressed at the meetings.

ers in June was valued at \$75.00.

The Mission Band report was given

made. They raised \$240.85.

meeting was held last Thursday ev- which has a membership of 31. The ening, January 28th, 1943 in the church school room. This supper last 12 years when the congregation gathers for a social time, after which the annual business meeting follows. bytery W.A. at the Spring Rally. The pastor, Rev. A. H. Halbert, presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. W. T. New was appointed secretary. Miss Ruth Douglas presented the Sunday School report. The S.S. met every Sunday met every two weeks to quilt for the during the year with an average attendance of 93. The first Sunday's collection of each month is set aside for missionary purposes. These amounted to \$41.37. The Home Dept. has a membership of 19 and contri- \$25.00 in the treasury. Eight new buted \$10.75. There are 24 members on the Cradle Roll. Missionary programs were given regularly. preciation was extended to the or-Four Temperance programmes were ganist, Miss Bertha Smith and the presented during the year with the choir members for their valuable S.S. members taking part. Some of services in the worship services. the features were oratorical contest Mrs. L. A. Grisdale reported a held on February 8th in our Sunday slight decrease in the Missionary and Schools and made 1016 pastoral calls. School. Two of these contestants en- | Maintenance givings, but more was tered the North York Oratorical expected to come in before the books Contest at Trinity United Church, closed. Newmarket, February 13th, Miss Hazel Campbell in the senior class and Wilma Adair in the junior class, M. S. which exceeded its givings over both winning honors for their Sun- last year. Ten meetings were held. day School. A scripture catechism Temperance and Christian Stewardon Temperance in which twelve girls and boys took part was also inter- The W.M.S. service on June 28th was esting; also a Temperance exercise addressed by Rev. Dr. G. Dorey. The Those re-elected to the Committee by 10 boys "Why take a stand for missionary bale sent to headquarttotal abstinence?" Temperance addresses. were given by the older We entertained Willowdale and Lanpupils. Posters were also used. The sing Auxiliaries at our April meet-S.S. has a Temperance Post with a ing when Rev. Dr. C. J. L. Bates membership of 75 over 12 years of was the guest speaker. Miss E. Paleage. Eight monthly meetings of the thorpe spoke on "The Church in and Mrs. W. T. Wells. Messrs. C. S.S. executive were held with an av- Korea" at the Autumn Thankoffererage attendance of nine. Special ing meeting. A garden meeting was services during the year were Moth- held in June at Mrs. Wells' home er's Day, Rally Day, S.S. annivers- when Mrs. Dr. Mullett who spent 25 ary and White Gift service. These years in China gave the address. gifts were given to the Fred Victor Her husband, Dr. Mullett, has been Mission in Toronto. A Christmas interned in Hong Kong since De-Tree entertainment was held on De- cember 1941. The Auxiliary memcember 17th with a good program. bers were well represented at the Mrs. Halbert's Young Ladies' S. S. World's Day of Prayer service which class presented a pageant "The com- was held at Willowdale Presbyterian ing of the Prince of Peace" at the Church on February 20. evening service on Christmas Sun- | Miss Pearl MacPhail reported that day, December 20th. A concert was the Girls' Mission Circle had held held on October 23rd for the Sunday nine meetings with an average at-School. The attendance during the tendance of 13. The tenth anniverssummer months was much higher ary of the Circle's organization was than former years, an average of 75 observed on April 14th at the church during July and August. Three S.S. with a large attendance. Six were members attended church services present who attended the first meetevery Sunday for two years and ing. A review of "Ten years' effort were presented with a membership in our Girls' Mission Circle" was pin. There were Georgina Plain, given by one of the members. Mrs. Frances Schmidt and Margaret Gris- Orpha Houston of Toronto Chinese dale. We were sorry to lose our Mission was the guest speaker. A S.S. Supt., Mr. A. W. Galbraith and social hour followed the meeting. Mrs. Galbraith, one of the S.S. tea- Miss Palethorpe of Korea showed chers in May when they moved away slides of "Korea" at the October from our community. We also lost meeting. The Girls' Circle had conour secretary, Harold B. Schmidt, tributed to the W.M.S. bale to the who joined the Royal Canadian Ar- value of \$68.60. A Valentine Social tillery and left us in September. was reld at the Parsonage in Feb-Ruth Douglas was appointed to take ruary. Total amount raised in the his place. The Sunday School raised year was \$42.34. They exceeded their \$229.88 with a good balance in the allocation. treasury.

The report of the Young People's by the leader, Mrs. Halbert. They Union was presented by Hicks Smith. had 16 meetings with an average The average attendance was 15. This attendance of 31. The Mission Band is a marked decrease from former has a membership of 53 which is the years. However we feel these con- largest since its organization fourditions are due to the war. Almost teen years ago. Lantern slides were all the young men have joined the shown at four meetings. The Study King's Forces and a number of the Book was reviewed. A Bible Quiz members are doing war work. The and Bible memorization, dramatizaguest speakers were: Mrs. Gibson tion of the Parable of the Good who gave a missionary address on Samaritan, and also of a Chinese her work in Africa; Rev. F. Bowes | School were some of the features of whose subject was 'Our Life's Work'. | the meetings. The parents were in-Rev. A. E. Owen of Unionville spoke vited guests at the Easter meeting on "Christmas and the young people when the members presented two of the times". Rev. C. B. Brethen Easter playlets and gave a musical spoke on "Saved for a purpose" and program after the opening devotion-Mrs. A. H. Halbert gave an address al service. Two Christmas playlets illustrated with lantern slides on were also presented at the Christ-"Our Missionary Work in Saskat- mas meeting. The largest attendchewan". Last March the members | ance was at the Hallowe'en meeting. of the Y.P.U. presented a play. They Notwithstanding a heavy downpour also made an autograph quilt during of rain, 62 were present. The Mission the winter. The annual Spring Rally Band exceeded their allocation and was held in our church on March 23, also paid for 25 subscriptions to also an Officers' Congress in Maple World Friends (the monthly paper) on February 2nd. Our Y.P.U. in- and their Study Book, and contrivited Thornhill on May 4th. The buted to the W.M.S. bale to the value social activities of our Y.P.U. were of \$12.00. They raised \$20.00. They a skating party at Hogg's Hollow, were honored by receiving a gold a Valentine social, the annual ban- star as an award from Toronto Cenquet on May 18th and the annual tre Presbyterial for recognition in picnic to Hanlan's Point on June 20. general proficiency at the annual We also entertained Thornhill Y.P.U. Presbyterial meeting in Toronto last Our Y.P.U. won the Presbytery tro- week. phy for largest attendance at the The Baby Band Supt., Mrs. W. E. Spring Rally. The evening worship Hick, reported a membership of 11 service was conducted by the Y.P.U. annual members. Ten calls were on Sunday evening, May 17th. The made. The members were rememtotal amount raised by the Y.P.U. bered on their birthday. for the year was \$92.76.

A carefully prepared report of the Miss K. Taylor presented the re- church was presented by the treas-

VELLORE

The regular monthly meeting of the Vellore Junior Farmers will be held Tuesday, February 9th at 8.30. Mr. E. Stoltz, Livestock Editor of the Farmers' Magazine, will be the speaker. Any wishing to hear Mr. The annual congregational supper port of the Women's Association Stoltz are welcome.

> The regular montmy meeting of the J.W.I. will also be held.

number of church calls made were Don't forget the York County Jr. Farmers' Skating Party on Thursmeeting has been a feature for the Patrick's supper, hard time party, day, February 18th at Richmond Hill afternoon tea, bazaar. In May we with inter-club races and also a broom ball game between two Jr. Farmers' teams. Come and see a The Harvest Home supper was not real game, spills and all. Everyone held owing to difficulty in obtain-

> Besides these activities the W.A. has urer, Mr. Harry Smith. The col lections of the Good Friday service Red Cross. Twenty-two quilts were amounting to \$26.60 had been paid direct to the Hospital for Sick Chil-Mrs. Glen Shaw gave the report dren in Toronto. The church debt had been reduced by \$532.00 leaving a balance of \$270.00. Rev. A. H. Halbert reported 15 members added to the church during the year. He had members have been added to the officiated at 21 weddings and 14 baptisms, and conducted 15 funerals. Two church members had died during the year. He had attended 244 meetings, also taught 30 lessons on Religious Education in the Public Fifteen young men who are members of the church are serving in the King's Forces. Five are overseas.

> > The following were re-elected to the Session for three years-Frank Schmidt, Harry Smith and J. R. Smith, for two years-C. O. Bales, W. T. Wells, Victor Reid; for one year-J. V. Batchelor, F. Summers, L. A. Grisdale and W. T. New. of Stewards for three years were-W. T. Wells, F. Schmidt, R. H. Smith and Mrs. H. Moore; for two years-C. O. Bales, H. Smith, J. R. Smith and John Valliere; for one year-R. E. Bales, J. V. Batchelor, W. T. New O. Bales and R. H. Smith were reelected auditors for 1943.

> > A hearty vote of appreciation was extended to Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Halbert for their faithful services. The heads of the various organizations with their helpers also received words of thanks for their assistance in carrying on the work of the

WAY BACK IN THE LIBERAL FILES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From our Issue of Feb. 2nd, 1928 At the regular meeting of the Board of Education held Wednesday evening G. H. Duncan was re-elected chairman for the coming year. Members concurred heartily with the suggestion that a commercial course be made available to students. Estimates for the year were considered, the public school requisition being about the same and the high school being reduced by \$2000.

At a recent meeting of the Horticultural Society the following officers were elected: Pres., Mr. Geo. Gee; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Frances Atkinson; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mr. W. A. Wright; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Hume; Treas., Miss Moyle.

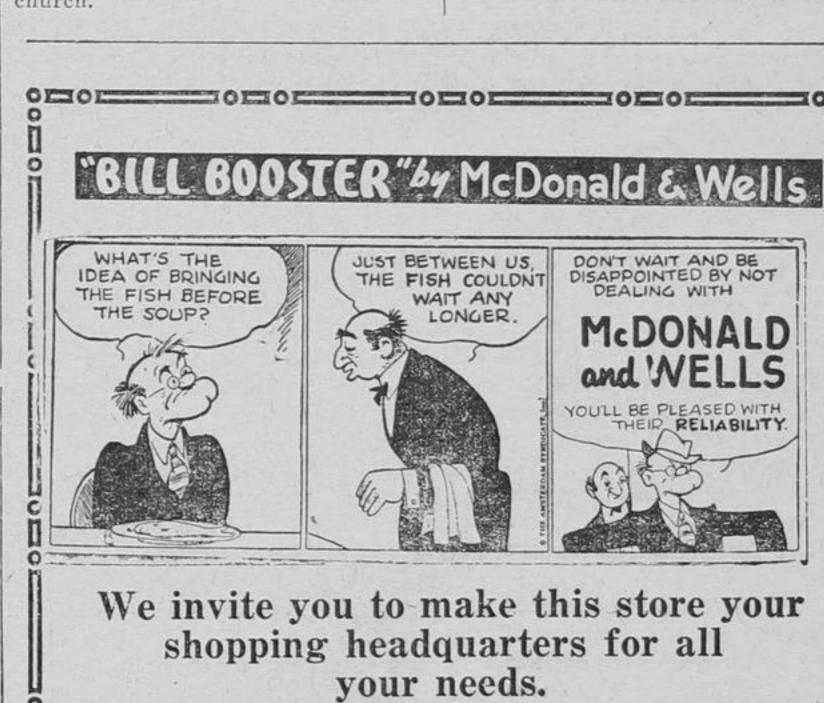
Kyle Bros. sale, Vaughan Township, had a large crowd in attendance and brought good prices. An eight year-old mare brought \$207.50 and cows sold at an average of



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