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THE WAR SERVICES FUND

Many will be delighted at the announcement that organizations for Canadian Auxiliary War Services have agreed to hold one united financial drive this year, instead of six separate campaigns. The saving in expenses by this plan is evident, and there is also the undoubted fact that there has been a very popular demand for some procedure of this sort to avoid the multiplicity of public appeals. On the other hand there are other good patriotic people who are not so sure that the advantages of the united drive are as great as outlined. Similar methods have been used in regard to local charities in some cities, but these "Community Chest" drives are by no means invariably successful. There are times when it is not possible to raise as great an amount at one time as might be secured in several separate appeals. Then again, even in charities and patriotic causes people have their own preferences. To some one particular cause has supreme appeal and the subscriber will give largely to this one cause and in lesser amount to others, or perhaps, he may not contribute at all to the causes that do not interest him. The problem in the matter may be summed up in this question:—Will all the subscribers give as much to the combined call as they would do to the six separate appeals? In the drive this month, every man, woman and child should bend every effort to see that the combined appeal is a success to the limit, because each of the six causes represented in the combined campaign is very worthy, very necessary,—indeed, they are all imperative, if the people at home are to do their duty by the men of the army, the navy and the air force.

The six organizations in the combined drive this year are the Salvation Army Red Shield, the Canadian Legion War Services, the K. of C. Huts, the Y. M. C. A., the Daughters of the Empire and the Y. W. C. A. In recent issues of The Advance much space has been devoted to detailing the services these organizations are giving to the soldiers, the sailors and the airmen at home and overseas. They provide entertainment, educational advantages, sport and personal services of many kinds which enlisted men would otherwise miss. Soldiers in the last war know how vitally important these services were to them. The Salvation Army's "cup of coffee and a smile" to the servicemen just out of the trenches or on leave is a memory that is famous. Many a soldier or sailor remembers with equal gratitude the helping hand of the K. of C. huts or the services of some of the other auxiliary organizations. More than one ex-serviceman admits today that the reading and writing rooms, the personal services of one kind or another were important beyond all question. In the present war, these are new services that are of inestimable value, such as those of the Canadian Legion, given by men who know because they were through it all themselves a quarter century ago. It is well to note also that in the present war, profiting by the experience of the last, the services are all better co-ordinated. There is no unnecessary duplication, no conflict of services. The six Auxiliary Services are working together, and word from those on service makes it apparent that they are filling a great need in most effective way.

In the combined financial drive that will be launched on March 24th to raise \$5,500,002 in Canada, these should be a completely united enthusiasm to make the cause a complete success. Every dollar will be wisely expended in the interests of the soldiers, the sailors, the airmen. Every dollar given means a message of support, of affection of pride for those who serve. This is a campaign in which Canada must not fail. It is all for the boys, and personal preferences may well be forgotten in the broader issue. Read the detailed list of services outlined elsewhere in this issue. It will be noted that all are giving most desirable service, most appreciated service, most necessary service. Let all join heartily together to show the lads who serve that from the home front comes the most complete support.

SHOULD NAME THE SECTION

Hon. J. G. Gardiner, one of the members of the cabinet of the part of a party attempting to rule Canada at present is credited by the daily newspapers with making the astounding statement that "there is no organized group in the Dominion of Canada that has done more since the fall of 1939 to delay the war effort in this country than certain sections of the press in Canada." The press of Canada should not take so unwarranted and false a statement in any meek spirit. Hon. Mr. Gardiner should be forced to state the section of the press to which he refers, and to show in what way the newspapers referred to hindered Canada's war effort. If there is any section of the press that has been subversive, then it was the duty of Hon. Mr. Gardiner and his associates to deal with them. The part of a party government, as a matter of fact has been active enough in suppressing newspapers suspected of subversive tendencies.

Does Hon. Mr. Gardiner pretend that others have been permitted to carry on unpatriotic work? The very viciousness with which honest, patriotic criticism is being resented by the part of a party government to-day is proof sufficient that Hon. Mr. Gardiner and his associates would long ere this have grasped at even a shadow of legal subversiveness, had their been such in evidence.

In view of other statements recently made by members of the part of a party government, the intention is, of course, to suggest that The Globe and Mail, The Montreal Gazette, The Financial Post, and other truly patriotic newspapers are the ones to which reference is made. It is regrettable that Hon. Mr. Gardiner has not the courage to say so openly, so that the question could be forcibly thrust upon him:—In what way have these newspapers delayed Canada's war effort. Certainly, it is not in recruiting. The newspapers in Canada have done much more than the part of a party government ever attempted to do to encourage recruiting. Assuredly, it is not in reference to war loans or war savings stamps, and certificates. All the newspapers of Canada have given unlimited space and effort and talent to assisting the financing of the war. Equally, it was not in connection with the war services that add to the comfort, the safety and the welfare of the men of army, navy and air force—the Red Cross, the Legion, the Salvation Army, the K. of C. Huts and the other agencies for these worthy causes. How under the sun could the newspapers delay the making of munitions, of aircraft, or ships, or the collection of supplies? In the name of common sense and decency can anyone suggest any possible way in which newspapers could delay these war works, even if they wished—and certainly none of them wished anything of the sort. Surely, Hon. Mr. Gardiner would not suggest that members of the part of a party government themselves delayed effort along these lines because the newspapers were critical? Surely not! Yet in what other way could they affect the progress of these war works? As a matter of fact, Hon. Mr. Gardiner and his associates are slandering the newspapers to-day because the newspapers have been so earnest and so insistent that the making of aircraft, munitions and ships and the transfer of supplies should be speeded up.

A little consideration of what the newspapers have done, what they are doing, what they have attempted to do, will convince any reasonable man that instead of delaying, the newspapers have been largely responsible for the speeding up of Canada's war effort. Hon. Mr. Gardiner himself has been credited with telling people in the West at the last election that the part of a party government was a "half-way" government—one that would not do too much, and so offend some who might be lukewarm to the Empire and the cause, nor on the other hand would the government do too little and so rouse the patriotic people of this country. "Moderate" help for the war was what he was quoted as promising. Most of the newspapers of Canada have made it plain that the people would not tolerate any such policy—that it was absolutely essential that at least the government should pretend to be "all out" for the war. If this was "delaying the war effort," words have no meaning.

At the same time The Advance regretfully has to admit that there have been newspapers in Canada that have really "delayed Canada's war effort," though without any such intention. It is very evident that these are not the newspapers in the "section" referred to by Hon. Mr. Gardiner. The newspapers that really delayed Canada's war effort are those that failed to urge national government to meet national emergency—those that more or less supported the government in months of shilly-shallying and playing politics while freedom and decency were at stake—the newspapers who set party before country and before the one great cause of the day. Criticism by the newspapers has been responsible for speeding up the war effort. If the members of the government will only come to their senses, they will have reason to bless the critics who have kept spurring them to greater war effort. The country will owe the press a similar debt.

HERE'S A CASE

If the incident where a newspaper was charged with breach of the Defence of Canada Act through the use of a sentence in an editorial, the sentence being taken out of its context, is to develop into an orgy of hunting the Quisling by words speared from their context, even the members of parliament will have to feel their necks to see if their heads are still on. For example here is what one member of parliament is quoted as saying on the floor of the Alberta legislature—remember these words were used in the legislature at Edmonton:—

"Not only can you see queer formations, hoodoos and ancient bones, but this area has the distinction of possessing the best private collection of fossils to be found anywhere in Canada." Taken from its context, the words appear to be a breach of etiquette, a breach of the peace, a breach of the Defence of Canada Act, as they certainly would stir up disunity and worse. The context, however, shows that the parliamentarian was not referring to the members of the house, or even the government of Alberta, or the people in general in the province. The context showed that he was simply discussing the Drumheller dinosaur park. The horrible thought occurs that if such words had been used at Ottawa on the floor of the House, some poor editors might have to go to jail for refusing to believe the explanation of the context.

Here Are Questions and Answers on War Services Fund

All About the Drive in the Form of Queries and Replies.

The following question-and-answer digest developed by the Ontario public chairman Mr. J. M. Howey, seems to answer every question that may arise in regard to the Canadian War Services Fund. It is given in full for general information and for reference:—

WHAT IS THE CANADIAN WAR SERVICES FUND?

Six institutions have united in a drive for funds under this name. The institutions are: Canadian Legion, Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and I.O.G.E.

WHY WAS IT INSTITUTED?

Each of the six organizations ordinarily solicits the public separately for funds. In view of the demands upon the national economy the Government urged the consolidation of appeals to the public.

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE?

For Ontario: \$2,553,200
For Canada: \$5,500,000.

WHO APPROVED THE BUDGETS?

The War Charities Funds Advisory Board, an organization of representative business men under the chairmanship of C. L. Burton. Substantial economies were effected by this Board in consultation and co-operation with the organizations concerned.

WILL ECONOMIES EFFECTED IMPAIR THE SERVICES RENDERED MEN IN UNIFORM?

No essential services to the men of Canada's military, air and naval forces were curtailed.

WILL THERE BE OTHER NATIONAL APPEALS FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES?

No, not this year.

HOW ARE THE FUNDS HANDLED?

A corporation, under the presidency of Mr. J. Y. Murdoch, K.C., of Toronto, has been granted letters patent by the Secretary of State and registered under the War Charities Act, to serve as a trust in the handling of the funds subscribed. It is a non-profit corporation and its function is to receive these funds and to distribute them in accordance with the approved, authorized budgets. Every dollar is safeguarded.

WHAT OTHER REVENUES DO WAR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE?

None. The services are supported entirely by the "folks at home."

HOW IS THE CANADIAN WAR SERVICES FUND ORGANIZED?

The patrons of the united campaign for funds are His Excellency the Earl of Athlone, K. C., Governor-General of Canada, and Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone. A National Campaign Committee has been set up to direct the drive and to provide national publicity and advertising. Provincial chairmen have been appointed and in Ontario, county, district and municipal organizations have been established, operating under County chairmen. The district and municipal organizations constitute the front line of the campaign and upon them will fall the responsibility for securing the funds from the public.

WILL THERE BE SUBSCRIPTION CARDS?

Yes.

HOW WILL RECEIPTS BE ISSUED?

The stub on the subscription card is a temporary receipt. The permanent secretary will mail an official receipt after the campaign.

WILL A PERMANENT OFFICE BE SET UP TO TAKE CARE OF DEFERRED SUBSCRIPTIONS?

Yes.

WHAT ARE THE FUNCTIONS OF WAR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND WHY DO THEY MERIT SUPPORT?

Their chief function is to sustain the morale of the men in the armed forces by providing educational programs, recreational facilities, sports material, books, huts, canteens, and other amenities calculated to provide a healthy atmosphere for men in training and overseas. Trained officers in these services organize off-parade activities and help the men with their problems. The organizations merit all the support that can be given them because in helping to maintain high morale, they are contributing towards winning the war. In providing educational programs for the men, they are helping to solve the problems of war's aftermath.

WHO GETS THE PROFIT FROM THE OPERATION OF WAR SERVICES CANTEENS?

Canteens are run on a non-profit basis. Five per cent of the gross proceeds from sales goes to the Commanding Officer of the Unit served by the canteen for the benefit of the men. If more than one unit is served the 5% deduction is administered by the Camp Commandant. Two per cent of the gross proceeds from sales is allowed to the service organization operating the canteen for administration expenses. Any surplus after these deductions, is placed in a trust fund for the benefit of the men.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

German troops are reported as now serving in parts of Italian Africa—or rather what once was considered as Italian territory in Africa. The British forces, however, were not able to overtake the German soldiers. The old Western story may be applicable. A Westerner was visiting the wife of a neighbour when the husband unexpectedly returned and without waiting for explanations grabbed his shot gun and took after the surprised Westerner. The Westerner was making an Italian race to his home, when he started a couple of jack rabbits on the trail. As he stepped over the animals in their mad flight, he called out:—"Get out of my way you beasts, and let somebody run as can run."

Without any intention to "delay Canada's war effort," The Advance still believes and maintains that it is a disgrace that soldiers on leave should be expected to hitch-hike or steal a ride to get home.

Canada will not—can not—give its full war effort until there is a national government to meet the national emergency. A part of the people—

Gifts Coming From Far and Near to Canada's Cause

From far and near gifts to Canada's cause still pour steadily into the Department of Finance. Another score of veterans of the last war give the whole or part of their pensions. Doctors return fees for examining recruits under Mobilization Act. Nine postmasters are regularly returning part of their monthly salary. The Gore District Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Galt, Ont., sends a free gift of \$100,000 "to be used to prosecute the war in whatever manner the Government shall deem most effective." Ayers Limited, Lachute, Que., give \$25,000 to buy a plane. R. J. R. Stokes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, contributes \$400.

Three contributors each send \$1,000—E. C. Skinner, Indian Head, Sask.; Mrs. Christian Little, Calgary, Alta.; Mr. and Mrs. Shriberg, Montreal; Senator Copp, Sackville, N.B.; and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ross, Theford Mines, P.Q., give \$500; Miss Maggie Colter, Fredericton, N.B., gives a \$500 second war loan bond. The Catholic Women's League of Canada contributes \$25,000. The Editor-in-Chief, Montreal Star, gives \$24.25, fee received for an address. From Winnipeg Municipal Hospitals come \$16.30, money raised by a patient in the tuberculosis section. A farmer of Jansen, Sask., sends a couple of wheat certificates, one for 393 bushels, the other for 173 bushels. Walter Piela, contributing five dollars, suggests that every farmer should contribute a similar sum.

The Luscar War Services organization, Luscar, Alberta, has sent in donations totalling \$10,123. The March of Dimes Fund totals \$2,595.

Inspiring Little Book Makes Very Timely Reading

Through the kindness of the Charters Publishing Co. of Brampton, The Advance has received a copy of a very inspiring and helpful little book, "Come Wind, Come Weather", by Daphne du Maurier, the noted author of the prize winning novel "Rebecca". Over 500,000 copies of "Come Wind, Come Weather", have been sold in Britain, so it goes without saying that the book has something special and timely. Its story is the dramatic but simple, heart touching account of how to-day men and women—and children are building for the future, as well as facing with courage and inner strength the needs of the day. Its tendency will be to help build morale and a spirit of sacrifice in Canada, as it has undoubtedly done in Britain.

The Charters Publishing Co. note that the book is now available in a special Canadian edition, containing "A Word to Canada" from the author, this best seller of the war in Britain (over 500,000 copies already sold) brings to Canadians at this time the cure for war-frayed nerves and lessons on how to produce a spirit of willing sacrifice. Turning from the romance and fiction of her prize-winning novel, "Rebecca", Miss du Maurier has produced what the British press has called "a handbook on morale" in which she gives glimpses into the heart and

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homes of Britons under fire. With striking simplicity and intimacy she describes in ten short stories, the feeling of the mother who has just received a notice "the Admiralty regrets to inform you..."—how she faced the challenge and used it to bring new faith and courage to others... the retired army-officer's wife who overcame barriers of shyness and class to welcome nearby soldiers to her home—how the courage they found there prepared them for the horrors and the miracle of Dunkirk... humorous, heart-moving stories of evacuated children... the London charwoman who brought sanity out of panic in an air-raid shelter during the heavy bombing.

Picturing the growth of an inner strength and steadiness in Britain, this book illustrates how the inner defense of a nation lies in the character of its people—in its homes as they become the citadels of a new spirit. "Peace will not come," says Miss du Maurier in her special "Word to Canada," "nor unity be achieved among the nations of the world, unless we can first sow peace and unity ourselves. It is in the workshops, in the farms, in the factories, in the field, and above all in the homes, that you men and women of Canada can lay the foundation stone." Miss du Maurier points out that the secrets of high morale lies in personal victory over every selfish thought, every narrow prejudice that creeps stealthily into our hearts and minds in times of trouble. "When we say that we are ready to fight for freedom," she

asks in the epilogue, "shall we mean by this that we would fight for the old way of living, the complacent go-as-you-please attitude to our neighbours, the what-do-I-get-out-of-it outlook upon work and play, trade and profession? Or will freedom mean the unshackling of old habits and worn deeds, freedom from anxiety, selfishness and evil-thinking, freedom of understanding between men and nations? One word for the meanings—and the future of mankind will depend upon our interpretation."

The wide distribution and recommendation of "Come Wind, Come Weather" is sound national service. Miss du Maurier herself said of it—"I wondered what I could do in the way of war service. This book is the result." The book is available in local book shops or may be obtained from the Canadian Publishers, Ryerson Press, Toronto, the cost being only 25 cents.

WANTED TO BE SHOWN

The C.O. decided to hold a camp concert, and those who wanted to perform were told to give their names to the sergeant-major on parade. When Private Figgins stepped forward, the N.C.O. said sternly:—"Well, and what do you think you can do at the concert?" "I'm—er—I'm a comedian," replied Private Figgins nervously. "I comedian, eh?" snarled the sergeant-major. "Well, then, make me laugh!" —Northern Tribune

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The porter figured it had been sent out for repairs. So did the desk clerk. Then, came the dawn.

"It was a pretty slick job," said Clint Moore, waving a spoonful of chocolate ice-cream, "but how did we know Mandrake the magician had dropped around for a bucket of suds?" —North Bay Nugget

Globe and Mail.—Italians are ordered to stop whispering. However, when people are not permitted to speak out, whispering is the only method of revealing thought; and what the Italians are thinking now must be plenty.

Toronto Telegram.—Wendell Willkie had better look out. His popularity has increased to such an extent that he is liable to be elected president in 1944.