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R.C.A.F. Manning Depot Makes Recruits Into Capable Aircraftsmen

Third Article in the Series by Hugh Templin of The Fergus News-Record, Written for the Members of the C. W. N. A., to Give Readers an Insight Into The . Canadian Air Force To-day.

(By Hugh Templin) under one roof at the Canadian Na- for an old soldier. is now a huge dining room that will Half a bag is dumped in a big hopper seat five thousand at one time, and a switch turned on and a stream of

office. He is given in identification ging out the deep eyes. card, signed and sealed. Without it, I There seemed to be wonders everyhe cannot leave or enter the depot. where around that kitchen. I went He gets a number and a bed, and the into a big refrigerator room where the system is so complete that when his meat was stored and into another friends come to visit him, a runner where deep pans of jelly cooled on the knows where to find him and "pages" shelves. The meat stock for to-morhim more effectively than if he was a row's soup boiled in great monel metal guest at an expensive hotel.

Long racks hold the "time cards" of the big pantries. the men at Manning Depot, and there are literally thousands and thousands of them. I watched an Aircraftsman come in, pick his card out of the rack, fumble in his pocket for his identification card, punch a time clock as he There is a radio, the gift of some passed the entrance, and then deposit friend, and writing desks here and his card in another long rack inside. A glance over this rack showed that while most of the cards were white, a few were blue; those unlucky men were confined to barracks because they forgot to make their beds, or for some other offence.

Beds-Then and New

To an old soldier who had spent many a night in Exhibition Camp in 1916, sleeping on hard boards, those young stalks in a field of corn-and demic of colds cast suspicion on the Puxley, Wing Adjutant, pointed out ceased. Several different games were that there were also white sheets and in progress there that afternoon. pillow cases. Some of the boys who come in have never used them before at six o'clock with physical training and keep them carefully folded up un- for half an hour before breakfast. At der the mattresses all the time.

I sat in the Adjutant's office while till 11.30. An hour and a quarter is he explained to me just what they do allowed for lunch, followed by more with the raw recruits at the Manning drill from 1.15 to 4.30. Supper is over and wealth to further the war effort port and it showed that to date 238,000 Depot to make them into creditable by 6 o'clock. The evenings are free, Aircraftsmen in four weeks or so-drills, except for some lectures given by col- circularized all branches of the Legion, in England. The money is obtained by inoculations, lectures and the like. A lege instructors on mathematics to showing very convincingly that this the bingo nights held each Friday in knock at the door interrupted the brush up the future air crew mem- has been a strong policy of the ex-ser- the "K" Club hall. The speaker asked talk and a telegram was delivered. It bers, who will need their trigonometry vicemen, and in representations made for all to support these nights as it was from a wife with a foreign-sound- and algebra again. ing name, living out on the prairies somewhere. She wanted to know where her husband was: she had not heard from him for six or seven weeks. Neither had the Manning Depot. He had far overstayed a leave. But there are few like that. The majority are keen to learn and get ahead. If not, they are soon weeded out. Once or twice, two different "wives" have enquired about the same man.

But, as I said, these are the exceptions. The young man comes to the Manning Depot in civilian clothes with the most exciting weeks of his life lysick at first, though the Adjutant said he had no complaints along that line -and few about anything else in the camp. The man gets his uniform and his kit . I saw two men in brand-new uniforms going out that afternoon and a proud looking pair they were.

in service methods and the first drills ture air crews, with lectures, drill and physical training. Then the coming combined branches of the Federation pilots and gunners go out to various schools on guard duty till there are contribute seventy-five dollars, and the vacancies at the Initial Training Schools. The men of the ground crews stay three or four weeks, then go on to various trade schools.

Feeding the Five Thousand Lunch time was past before I went to the Manning Depot. When I saw the dining room, I was sorry. I would have liked a meal there, but there might have been complications. I was with two officers and there was a sign on the door saying that officers were strictly forbidden to eat in the men's mess. The officers solemnly affirmed it was because the men got better meals, so some officers had formed the habit of slipping away from their own mess and eating with the men. asked some of the men about it and they just smiled, but they said the food really was good. I think maybe the officers told the simple truth. I saw their mess, too, and although it had white table cloths, it didn't look any

more attractive. No where does one get the impres- oughfare, gesticulating wildly and now been operating one year, the com- The meeting closed with the Na-

, much as in the men's dining hall. Row The first impression one gets on after row of long tables stretch across visiting the Manning Depot at Toronto I the width of the Coliseum. A skylight is one of size, and that impression makes the room bright and a great grows and deepens. Everything is big, eagle emblem covers one wall. The or tremendous, or colossal. The build- tables were being set for supper and ing itself is the Coliseum, with ad- the waiters were carrying in big bowls joining livestock buildings, the largest of Canadian apples, one more surprise

tional Exhibition grounds. Outside, The kitchen completely fascinated the building looks the same as ever, me. This is a mechanized war, as except the sign over the door, but in- huge motor-driven food mixers, with side it is utterly changed. In parts of must be skilled mechanics. There were the building, there are double-deck everybody knows, but even the cooks bunks everywhere. A portion that used | monel metal bowls large enough to to house the trucks and farm machin- smash bushel and a half of potatoes at ery and the flowers at the Winter Fair a time. Another machine peels them. there's a mechanized kitchen that en- water from a hose directed into the ables the five thousand to be fed inside machine. It whirls around and the an hour—a modern miracle—and they peelings are taken off by course disks don't eat just loaves and fishes either. of sandpaper and washed away down Here the newly enlisted man comes the drain. There isn't any waste befrom a recruiting centre somewhere in cause of unskilled peelers. Instead of the province. His papers are made out | hundreds of unfortunates doing kitchen for him and his records filed in the patrol, half-a-dozen men were dig-

vessels and tempted the appetite. Fresh The entrance hall is impressive, bread and cakes lined the shelves of

Plenty of Recreation

Beside the dining room is the recreation room, with easy chairs and reproductions of paintings of Canada's air heroes of the last war on the walls. there, most of them in use that after-

The theatre is in the north corner of the Coliseum, and it has a full-size stage, the letters "R C A F" on the curtain and thousands of seats. An electric organ provides the music. Current moving pictures are shown there several times a week.

The arena where the horses performed during Winter Fair week is used

8.30 there is the first parade, with drill

of the Royal Canadian Air Force. (Next Week-Initial Training School)

New Ambulance to Bear the Name of La Federation

Over Plan of Federation to Purchase Ambulance.

At a monthly meeting of La Federation des Femmes Canadiennes-Francaises on Monday evening, the mem-In the first week, there are lectures bers made plans to donate seventy-five dollars toward the purchase of an am-After that comes guard duty for the fu- bulance for Canada's war effort, the ambulance to be purchased by the throughout Ontario. Each branch will seas. ambulance will carry "La Federation" as its name.

Members of the Timmins branch were enthusiastic in their approval of the purchase, and hope that the total will be reached at an early date.

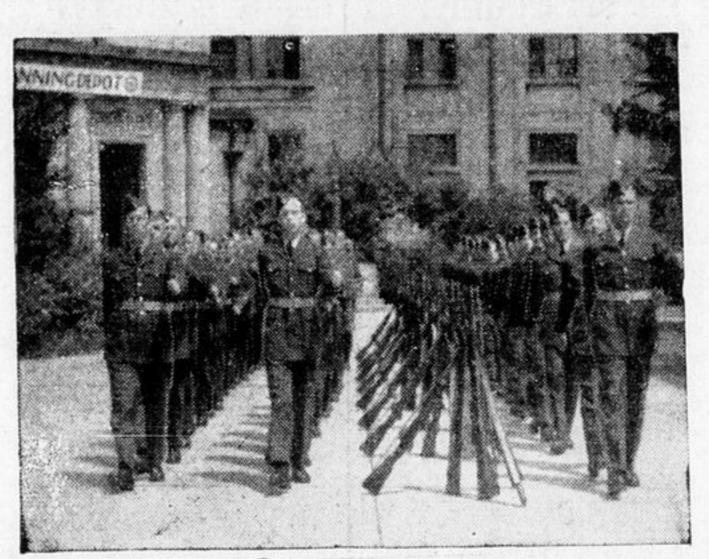
The report of the war work convener gave the following as the total zone commander for another term. amount of work accomplished during the past month: five turtleneck sweaters, four sleeveless sweaters, seventeen pairs of socks, four pairs of airforce mitts, fifteen helmets, two seamen's scarves, and two pairs of seamen's

Mrs. E. Dore, of 55 Sixth avenue, was hostess to the members at the knitting meeting on Friday evening, and following the work, she served a delicious lunch to her guests.

windows on opposite sides of the thorsion of size at the Manning Depot so I hurling insults at each other.



R.C.A.F. Photograph A new arrival at the Toronto Manning Depot is fitted with a uniform



R.C.A.F. Photograph A Squadron at drill practice outside the Manning Depot

Legion Branch Goes beds seemed unreal. They stretched in endless rows in every direction like the tanbark on the floor till an epithe at the tanbark of the tanbark on the floor till an epithe at the tanbark of the tanbar each one had springs and a mattress. tanbark. Now there's a new asphalt floor in the ring and the colds have

The day begins at Manning Depot Circular from Dominion President in the Matter Read at Timmins Branch Meeting. Other Matters of Interest Dealt With at Meeting Held on Monday Night.

Giving in detail the Legion stand on chairman; R. Russell, C. Surman and complete mobilization of man power W. Triese. Chas. Keates gave the reof Canada, Dominion President Walker cigarettes have been sent to the lads to the Dominion government the mat- meant more "Cigs" for the lads. The A month at Manning Depot and the ter has been placed before them in committee asked for another \$250.00 May future pilot or gunner is ready to go to very forceful way. Even before the for the July and August shipments. the Initial Training School, which is war resolutions had been passed at This was granted. one of the most fascinating branches Dominion and Provincial conventions W. A. Devine, pension officer, gave urging this action in the event of an a detailed report of his work in conupheaval. Since the war the Domin- nection with Pte. Geoffrey Morris, who ion command had taken the matter of was injured last year on the highway wealth and wealth and man power while on parade with the Algonquin mobilization up again, and the Do- Regt. The dependants will now be minion president stated that they would given allowance, and full hospital continue to do so until definite action treatment under the Dept. of Pensions was taken. The reason for the detailed is now available to the injured man statement was to pin the lie to press The case is being closely watched, said reports that the Canadian Legion did the pension officer, and he was pleased not favour conscription. This was to tell the members that the family ing ahead. A few are probably home- Local Branch Enthusiastic one of the highlights of a most inter- were now under the Pension Dept. and esting meeting, held by the Timmins the allowance would soon commence to branch of the Canadian Legion, on the family which would ensure a steady Rev. N. A. Healy to be In-Monday evening in the Legion hall.

cal branch, was in the chair and a good delay and asked the branch to support attendance was present.

The opening ceremony of honouring phase of war effort. fallen comrades was duly carried out. Minutes and financial reports were read by W. D. Forrester, secretary. Correspondence dealt with convention matters and letters from the lads over-

Comrade Daoust (now in Montreal safely) wrote an interesting letter of happenings in England.

Comrade W. Pennington also sent humorour letter of events from the besieged isle.

The members gave support to Comrade Grummitt of Iroquois Falls for Walter Devine, pension officer; Robt. Russell, of war services committee; and cent tag day. Walter Greaves, president were chosen vention at St. Catharines in August.

Three very interesting reports were he is Scouter. given by chairman of committees: Two members were named to the fi-Sick and Magazines-Comrade A Jen- nance committee, H. Moore and kin told of sick visiting, all were pro- Sinclair.

The War Services committee, has highly educative in Legion work. mittee is composed of Chas. Keates, tional Anthem.

income. The speaker then reviewed Walter Greaves, president of the lo- some cases in which there was long a resolution asking a speed-up in this

The branch supported various resolutions from other branches, one asking for increased payments to dependants in view of the rise in cost of liv-

Another resolution moved by Les. Nicolson, protested against the forming of the W. A. S. C. until full use has been made of the Veterans' National Registration scheme.

The Victory Loan organizers sent a letter of thanks to the branch for its assistance during the recent campaign. The I.O.D.E. also thanked the members for support in connection with the re-

J. Cowan, Jr., will be sent to the as delegates to attend Provincial con- Scouters' Camp by the branch in connection with the Legion troop of which

gressing favourably. In the collection | W. D. Forrester gave a very interestof magazines, much work was entailed ing report of the Northern convenand the speaker was pleased to report tion at North Bay. The event was well a large amount of packages forwarded attended by all branches in Northern to the distributing centre. As this is Ontario and much good will be the out-One day on the street Charles Lamb an individual undertaking Comrade come of the meet. The addresses were watched, two women leaning out of Jenkin was given a vote of thanks. | all very inspiring and the discussions

Mines in Porcupine

Official Figures of Production Given by Department

The following is the official monthly bulletin just issued by the Ontario Dept. of Mines:-

Ontario producing gold mines by fields for the month of May follow:-Porcupine (19) - Aunor, Broulan Porcupine, Buffalo-Ankerite, Coniaurum, Delnite, DeSantis, Dome, Faymar Hallnor, Hollinger, Hoyle, McIntyre Moneta, Nakhodas, Naybob, Paymaster, Pamour, Preston East Dome, Ross (Hol- Mrs. W. Barlow

Kirkland Lake (11)-Bidgood, Golden Gate, Kirkland Lake Gold, Lake Shore, Macassa, Morris Kirkland, Sylvanite, Teck-Hughes, Toburn, Upper

Canada, Wright-Hargreaves. Larder Lake (3)-Chesterville, Kerr Addison, Omega.

Matachewan (3)-Matachewan Consolidated, Tyranite, Young-Davidson, Sudbury and Temagami (1) - New Golden Rose.

Algoma District (1)-Cline Lake. Thunder Bay District (11)-Bankfield, Hard Rock, Leitch, Little Long River, Sturgeon River, Tombill

Patricia Portion (13)-Berens River, Central Patricia, Cochenour Willans, Gold Eagle, Hasaga, Howey, Jason, McKenzie Red Lake, McMarmac, Mad-River, Uchi.

Kenora and Rainy River Districts (2) -Straw Lake Beach, Wendigo. Miscellaneous - includes Kenopo, Theresa, etc.

The gold mines of Ontario produced 265,869 ounces of gold valued at \$10,-252,447 in May, against 270,272 ounces gold worth \$10,419,033 in April. The 093,750. Average grade of ore in May of Mr. and Mrs. Couch. 1941 was the lowest in many months, amounting to \$9.73 as against \$10.20 in May 1940.

Monthly Output of Ontario Gold Mines 1940-1941 1940 value 1941 value

Porcupine Belt	\$	\$
First Quarter	13,504,601	13,832,325
April		4,785,835
May	1 501 000	4,609,741
Total	22,460,309	23,227,901
Kirkland Lake-L		
First Quarter	9,784,687	9,249,203
April	3,208,158	3,322,612
May	3,393,496	3,263,998
Total	16,386,341	15,835,813
Matachewan, Su	dbury, Tem	agami,
Southeastern O		
First Quarter	785,244	726,945
April	286,749	276,170
May	275,980	255,325
Total	1,347,973	1,258,440
Northwestern On	tario (inclu	ides Algo-
ma, Thunder B ora and Rainy	ay, Patricia,	and Ken-
First Quarter	5.910.362	6,314,132
April	1,936,513	
May		2,122,91
(Total	9 745 826	10.469,373

9,745,826 10,469,373 Miscellaneous 4.895 First Quarter 572 924 6,391 Total Total For Ontario .29,989,789 30,171,854 First Quarter 9,863,301 10,419,033 10,093,750 10,252,447 .49,946,840 50,843,334 Grand Total

New Ministers Inducted at Monteith and at Porcupine

ducted at Schumacher on Friday.

The Rev. W. M. Mustard conducted the service and gave the sermon at the induction ceremonies which took place at Porcupine United Church on Monday, when the Rev. Lors. W. Carlson, B.A., was inducted as minister of that church. The induction ceremony was Over 18,000 "Dry Ducks" performed by the Rev. D. A. MacKeracher, of Cochrane, and the Rev. J. A. Lyttle, of South Porcupine, addressed

the minister and the congregation. On the same day at Monteith, the to replace the Rev. Mr. Abery, who has been transferred. The Rev. A. I. Man-E. Gilmour Smith, of Timmins, gave Oval. the address to the minister and people.

To-morrow (Friday), the Rev. N. A. Healey, B.A., will be inducted to replace the Rev. F. J. Baine at Trinity United Church. The Rev. E. Gilmour Smith, of the Timmins United Church, will take charge of the service and sermon; the Rev. W. M. Mustard, or Timmins, will induct, and the Rev. J A. Lyttle, of South Porcupine, will address the minister and congregation.

the wolf away from the door.

Nineteen Producing Stresses Need to Teach New Generation the Value of British Democracy

Democracy Should Counter the Plan of Totalitarian Nations by Giving the Facts of British Freedom to the Young, Mr. Ross Beattie Tells Kiwanis Club.

Welsh Friends Hold Farewell Party for

A pleasant evening was spent at the Hollinger hall on Saturday, when this week to take up residence at Tor-

all present, and a dainty lunch was served during the evening. Mr. Owen | said Mr. Beattie. "With a sound un-Lac, MacLeod-Cockshutt, Magnet, and Mr. Ron Jones supplied the music derstanding of our own form of gov-Northern Empire, St. Anthony, Sand and among those present were: Mr. ernment," he urged, "will come the Williams and family, Mrs. F. Garroway own way of life." Sr., Mrs. Lewis Jones, Mrs. Owen, Miss Grant, Mr. Ken Thomas, Mrs. Blackmore, Mrs. A. Garroway, Mr. and Mrs. sen Red Lake, Pickle Crow, Sachigo Ron Jones, Mrs. Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. ing on so many points that are of Bellamy, Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Williams, vital importance today. Under the Mrs. F. Garroway Jr. and family, Mr. title of "A New Order," Mr. Beattie and Mrs. Court and family, Mr. Tom | gave a brief brit graphic outline of Jones, Miss Gladys Brain, Mrs. Dun- Canada's history, dwelling particularly babin, Mrs. Arrowsmith, and the guests on the confederation of the North of honour, Mrs. Barlow and her family. | American provinces and the constitu-

On Sunday afternoon, Mr. J. Grant, president of the Welsh Society, on behalf of the organization, presented ditions in early Canada with the new corresponding figures for May 1940 Mrs. Barlow with a lovely gift, the were, 261,807 ounces gold worth \$10,- presentation taking place at the home

Legion Bingo Has Sent 238,000 Cigarettes Overseas

be Well Patronized.

In the report of the meeting this week of the Timmins branch of the Legion, reference is made to the fact that already 238,000 cigarettes have been sent overseas by the local War Services committee of the Legion. This is a remarkable showing and reflects credit on the effectiveness of the committee and the responsiveness of the the people. It is interesting to note that the chief support for this War Services work is the bingo held in the "K" Club hall every Friday evening. The hundreds of lovers of bingo in town should note this bingo party every Friday night in the "K" Club hall under the auspices of the Legion. By attending this bingo on Friday evenings, bingo fans are not only sure of finitely delegated to the various proa happy time but they will also have vinces. Mr. Beattie believed that the the satisfaction of contributing to the Fathers of Confederation exemplified sending of cigarettes to the Timmins the essence of democracy. He reviewand district soldiers overseas. Every ed the new Act on which confederation dollar netted from the bingo parties will mean just so many more cigarettes for the boys. If you play bingo ment. Any apparent failures in this don't forget to visit the Legion event line seemed to be the fault of indivias many Fridays as you can. If you duals in the administration, and not don't play the game, why not try it in the Act itself. out on the first Friday night available.

Major Rev. J. R. O'Gorman Is Transferred to Toronto tie said, and he illustrated this point

has been Chaplain of M.D. No. 3 sta- the various wars and the prompt actioned at Ottawa since early in the tion taken by the people of this Dominwar, has been transferred to Toronto ion when anything happens to threaten where he is District Chaplain (R.C.) for Military District No. 2. M.D. No. 2 includes Timmins and accordingly friends in Timmins will expect that Rev. Fr. O'Gorman will be able to in this democracy." make more frequent visits here, where he is still Parish Priest of the Church of the Nativity, having leave of absence for the duration of the war to carry on the important duties in the military service.

Flourish on Quebec Farm

Over 18,000 ducks flourish on Canada's largest commercial duck farm at Rev. F. J. Jackson, B.A., was inducted Knowlton, Que., and although the 150acre colony is bounded on three sides by water these arid members of the son conducted the service and preach- family Anatidae are bereft of its deed, the Rev. Dr. R. S. Laidlaw offi- lights-except as a beverage, writes F. ciated for the induction, and the Rev. F. Field in the June issue of C-I-L Ross. Mr. Kennie thanked the mem-

Their turn-the-back-on-the-water attitude is not entirely voluntary but because the Quebec farm has been successful in raising a special land-bred variety of duck. The weight, flavour and marketability of these interna- as to how successful the carnival had thonally-known domestic ducks is de- been. pendent to a great extent upon feeding. The most rigid scientific principles are the members of the Kiwanis Inter-club applied and the duck chow is fed in picnic to be held on Sunday, July 6th, chemical pellet form, the ingredients of at Culver Park, near Swastika. It was which range all the way from iodized a happy event for Kiwanians, their Carey Williams: Two elephants were salt to alfalfa leaf meal. So, although wives and families, and all who missed abandoned in a western city. Now, it their life is a short and merry one they it would miss a pleasant occasion. would be fine if only possible to run are well-housed, scientifically fed and | The meeting closed with the singing they even survive the dearth of water! of "O Canada."

In a most interesting and valuable address to the Kiwanis Club on Monday at the weekly luncheon at the Empire hotel, Mr. Ross Beattie, principal of Mattagami public school, concluded his inspiring speech by urging that democracy should take care to see that a the younger generations were fully innumber of Welsh friends of Mrs. Bar- formed on the facts of the freedom low and family gathered together to under British form of government. wish her good luck in her new home. Dictator governments have drilled the Mrs. Barlow has been resident in Tim- idea of their creeds into the minds of mins for many years, and is leaving their younger people by every means in their power. Democracy should counteract this adverse, propaganda by Games and dancing were enjoyed by creating a knowledge and a consequent pride in British institutions and ideals, and Mrs. J. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. E. ability to understand and preserve our

The address by Mr. Beattie was an unusually timely one, coming as it did on the eve of Dominion Day and touchtion drawn up, by the Fathers of Confederation. He compared life and conorder of the present-day confederation, referring to changes in the landholding policy of the Hudson's Bay Company made necessary by changing conditions in Eastern Canada and the expansion of immigration and population. He noted in the progress of his address that the idea of reciprocity in trade between the Maritime section of Canada and the United States was a live issue about 1865. At that time Bingo Every Friday Should the economy of the Maritimes depended upon wooden shipping, which was then giving place to steel ships. The opening of the West not only gave Eastern Canada a wider market for goods and population, but it made apparent the need for a transcontinental railway. The problems of the days just prior to confederation were vividly pictured by Mr. Beattie. The solution of all the problems appears to have been reached by the "Fathers of Confederation." There were about eight of these "Fathers" whose work and ideals were especially effective in building the Confederation of Canada. The Dominion of Canada was formally accomplished on July 1st, 1867. Under the constitution, all legislative power remained in the hands of the Federal Government except that deis based as providing:-

(a) A workable form of self-govern-

(b) Unity for all the provinces as they joined.

(c) Preservation of the Empire tie. This has been well proved, Mr. Beatby referring to the expeditionary forces Major the Rev. J. R. O'Gorman, who that have been sent by Canada during the Empire.

> "Freedom and duty are twins," said Mr. Beattie, "and the first duty of every citizen is to protect his freedom

Mr. Beattie was introduced by Kiwanian Arch Gillies. On behalf of the club, Kiwanian Austin Neame thanked the guest speaker for his inspiring address. Mr. Neame emphasized the fact that all must be pleased that Mr. Beattie had made a point of urging that Canadians take stock of themselves and their country and their institutions and see to it that the rising generation obtains proper instruction on the beneficial liberties and heritages that are theirs.

The War Savings Draw for Monday's luncheon was won by Don. L. James.

An interim report on the Kiwanis Carnival last week was given by Chairman O. Kennie and Treasurer Geo. N. bers for the enthusiastic way in which they had worked to help him and the rest of the committee. Treasurer Geo. N. Ross advised that as the accounts were not all received it would be impossible to give a complete statement

Kiwanian Horace Laidlaw reminded