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WAR INDUSTRIES AND THE NORTH

In connection with war industries there are a number of vital points that should always be considered. One of these is decentralization. Other nations have found that to centre the war industries in any particular area is poor policy. Centralization lays the industries open to greater possibility of destruction by enemy action and greater danger from planned sabotage. This is something that applies to all nations at war. It is the unfortunate fact that Canada has centralized its war industries in the one area that seems the more probable of attack from without or within. Canada's curse of the day—politics—has been the cause for this.

A matter in connection with war industries that is of particular application to Canada is the question of power. There is danger of a power shortage in some parts of Canada. In this North there is ample supply of power.

Another point that has particular application to Canada is the question of housing. In the case of many war industries, not only has it been necessary to establish the war industry in question, but almost as much cost and as great time has been involved in providing adequate housing for the staffs required for the war industries. It is well to note that in many cases the establishment of certain war industries has presented a serious problem not only for the present but for after the war. There are cases where the end of the war promises to leave a number of "ghost towns," with housing facilities no longer needed, and the cost of them lost to the country.

Elsewhere in this issue The Advance publishes a thoughtful and well-reasoned editorial from The New Liskeard Speaker on this matter. The Speaker urges the use of this North Land for certain war industries. The North has the necessary power facilities; sufficient housing accommodation could be provided without extra cost to the government, or loss of time; and the necessary factor of decentralization would be achieved automatically. The Speaker suggests that the problem of transportation could easily be adjusted.

There may be some who will ask, "If the North presents such outstanding advantages for war industries why has not Mr. Bradette brought this fact to the attention of the government?" The Advance would be willing to wager that he has done so, but the curse of petty partizanship is unfortunately supreme. There is every probability that just the minute Mr. Bradette might become too insistent—as able and insistent as he used to be when in opposition in the House—he is promptly squelched with the statement:—"Stop it. You are embarrassing the party."

It is a question whether war industries would be of any particular advantage to the North. The Advance is not particularly interested in that at the moment, and believes that The New Liskeard Speaker has the same attitude. The whole point is whether it would be of advantage to Canada in its war effort.

Another matter brought up by The Speaker in its editorial is the Government's failure to found either an air or military establishment in the North. The Advance, since the beginning of the war, has been emphasizing the facilities here for air training. There are several air fields available for air training. These have been little used for the purpose for which they were built at great expense. Air fields have been established in the South at great cost and with the loss of time while they were being constructed.

Many have been worrying about the losses and set-backs overseas. What the people of Canada really have to torment their souls is that though the people are all-out for the war effort, those in authority appear to care about nothing but the future of the part of a part of a political party.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR

The serious reverses that have come to the cause of the nations fighting for freedom and decency in the world in recent days are depressing. There is no sense in belittling the extent of the losses suffered. They are serious handicaps, indeed. Of course, it would be criminal folly to do nothing but worry and deplore. Reverses should always spur to renewed effort. In the broad outlook there is always the comfort that the British people will investigate the causes for the reverses and take such measures as will make repetition improbable. It would appear that some facts vital to the case have not been available to the public. As a consequence the attitude to take is to hold fast to the fact that the United Nations have such resources of men and materials that eventually victory is assured if all keep fighting on. China, even in greater degree than Russia, has proven that given the men and the extent of territory, real defeat is not possible. Neither Britain nor the United States have yet brought the full force of their powers into effect. The recent reverses seemed the more

difficult to face because they were preceded by victories that tempted some to see an early issue of the war.

Canadians have suffered, perhaps, more than others in the war from anxieties and worries, because of the peculiar conditions here. In Canada the great majority of the people are "all-out" for the war, while their leaders are admittedly "all-out" for a part of a part of a party. In the House of Commons last week one member of the Government practically admitted that to him the future of his party was more important than anything else.

Treachery, and the indifference and incompetence that are sadly akin to treachery, have featured in appalling fashion in this war. Every nation concerned has found it necessary to have "purges." Even Britain and the United States have found it necessary to do some "purging." Canada has contented itself with plebiscites and petty politics. So long as this condition continues, there will be anxiety and worry over the war in this Dominion. Canada will deserve no better than this so long as this Dominion tries to run an out-all effort with a part of a part of a party at the helm. National government alone can provide full national leadership and full national effort.

Going beyond the little would-be leaders of the Dominion, however, there is comfort and strength and inspiration in the head of the whole British nation:

"Still stands the motto of the King:
 "Put into your task whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail."

THE MEMORY OF A COW

For centuries, the elephant has been singled out by popular opinion as the animal with the longest and the best memory. The elephant is supposed to remember either kindness or injury with unfailing accuracy and complete discrimination. Popular fancy pictures the elephant as not only remembering that once it was given a pepper pellet for a peanut, but keeping in memory the face and form of the fellow who did the trick. The elephant is also described as the animal that could recall years afterwards the particular mouse that nibbled away the ropes that bound it in captivity. The New Liskeard Speaker, however would take away from the elephant the traditional crown of memory and hand to the cow the honour of being the quadruped with the best memory. A week or so ago a farmer near New Liskeard missed one of his cows, and on search being made for her, the animal was found near Loon Lake with a brand new calf. Cow and calf were taken home and cared for. A couple of days later the cow was missing again, but before search could be made for her she arrived home herself in company with another new calf. The theory advanced by The Speaker is that the cow had twins, but the farmer overlooked the one calf when he found the cow in the first place, and the good mother cow went back to get her other calf. Of course, The Speaker may not be right in this theory. Hasn't The Speaker heard the one about twins being forbidden for the duration of the war? The Wartime Prices and Trade Board allows only one delivery a day.

In any event The Speaker was much impressed with the incident, but seems to be inadequate, or something, in referring to the attributes of this particular cow. In both the heading and the article, The Speaker refers to the cow with the two calves as "the cow with the good memory." That cow had more than a memory. She had two calves. At the same time it must be admitted that a mother with two calves who forgot she had twins might aptly be described as a forgetful old cow.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Sunday was Father's Day—the longest day in the year.

What changes in geography have resulted from the present war! Editor and Publisher, the newspapermen's newspaper, of New York, gives the address of the Dionne Quintuplets as "Callendar, North Bay, Ontario."

A painted sign on Kirby avenue, Timmins, advertises "Bicycles for Hire," and a number of bicycles parked in the laneway indicates that here is a regular bicycle livery.

Officers here with the recent war films brought a new joke to town.

"Do you know what the soldier says to his girl friend?"

And the answer:—"Hello, Sugar! Are you rationed yet!"

The war budget will bring home to most people in Canada the fact that there is a war in progress. Unfortunately, however, the burden of the budget falls with the usual unequal force on some more than on others. So far that has been the way of it. One of the businesses bearing a specially onerous burden from war conditions has been The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing. The editor and proprietor, Mr. Ed. Stephenson, is a veteran of the last war, with impaired health and strength due to his services for his country. One after another of his whole staff has entered the services of the present war, one of the latest to go being a daughter. As a result the editor of The Northern Tribune is

his own printer's devil, office boy, bookkeeper, reporter, proofreader, job compositor, advertisement solicitor, advt. setter, business manager and linotype operator. At that it must be admitted that he has an excellent staff and is turning out a fine newspaper, though how he does it all is one of the mysteries. There is one sad lack in the present issues of The Northern Tribune, however. The editorial articles are missing. The editor simply has not time for this feature. The Advance misses these articles, and no doubt hundreds of other people do too. Often, The Advance violently disagreed with Northern Tribune editorials, but they were always worth reading, because the Northern Tribune editor has the gift of writing.

The New Liskeard Speaker last week called attention to the fact that both Andy Clarke, of "Neighbourly News" radio fame, and The Advance were in error in describing a recent battle between a bear and some cows and calves in Temiskaming. The Advance item, founded on the original Speaker story, suggested that the cows put the calves behind them and charged and routed the bear. The Speaker insists that the calves took the lead in routing the bear. The Speaker excuses the error

on the part of Andy Clarke and The Advance by suggesting that while The Speaker said the calves were in the van, the word "van" was used in its military sense, meaning "the front," while Andy Clarke and The Advance took it in its railroad meaning, where the van is the last coach on the train. The Advance thanks The Speaker for its kindly explanation but cannot honestly profit from the excuse. So far as The Advance has ever heard, calves are put in cattle cars on the railroad. Calves are never carried in the van of a railroad train, though the bull is often shot there.

A German prisoner-of-war, who escaped from a Northern Ontario prison camp, has boasted that he was saluted by men of the armed forces as he walked along the streets after his escape. This does not make pleasant reading, but it is more pleasing than the fact that a police officer was informed that there was an escaped prisoner-of-war available, and the officer failed to act in the matter. This will need a lot of explanation. Also, there should be explanation why the escape was kept a secret from the public. Had the fact of the escape been given out the prisoner would not likely have been able to get away very far before being captured again.

MARITIME MEN ARE FINE SOLDIERS



Their Majesties inspect a detachment of Maritime soldiers overseas. The coastal provinces have given hundreds of the best of fighting men to the Canadian Army and the fishing industry is an important source of army food. (Canadian Army Photos)

Notre Dame Church is Setting for Charming Wedding

Miss Marie-Ange Groulx Becomes Bride of Mr. Fernand Beauchamp.

The Rev. Fr. A. Morin officiated at a charming wedding on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, when he united in marriage Miss Marie-Ange Groulx, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Groulx, of 65 Windsor avenue, and Mr. Fernand Beauchamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beauchamp, of 94 Main avenue. The ceremony took place in the Notre Dame des Lourdes Church and organ music was played by Sister Claire, with vocal selections by Mrs. J. Theriault, Mrs. Rivet, Mrs. Armand Jeanisse, and Mrs. Savarile.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a floor-length frock of white chiffon, fashioned with long bishop sleeves, a V-neckline, and fitted waistline falling into a flared skirt. She wore a long veil of white net, caught in a coronet cap, and carried a bouquet of pink and white roses.

Mr. A. Beauchamp attended his son, while the bride was unattended. Following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mrs. G. Rivet, 65 Windsor avenue, the hostess wearing an ensemble in pink crepe, with matching accessories. For the event, Mrs. Groulx chose Queen's blue crepe, with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations, while the groom's mother wore navy blue crepe, with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

A wedding dinner was served at the home of the groom's parents in the evening, and later the bride and groom received their many friends at a reception in the Lions Club Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp will reside in Timmins.

Union Still Owes \$30,000 to Kirkland Merchants

According to a statement issued last week by the C. I. O. Union at Kirkland Lake, that union still owes the merchants of the town some \$30,000.00. In referring to the statement in question, The Northern News last week says:—"The National Kirkland Lake Strike Committee received \$144,933 but, at March 31st, still owed local merchants \$30,389. Apparently this sum, or the greater part of it is still outstanding as a letter from William Simpson, president of the local C.I.O. union, addressed to prospects for money says: "You will note that we have a large indebtedness, and this money is owing to local merchants who supported us during the strike and who are in a very precarious financial position as the result of this support. We ask that you assist us in clearing this obligation by further contributions. The Kirkland Lake miners union is rebuilding its forces, and the day is not far off when

Eleven Births Recorded Here During the Past Week

ECRN — on June 11th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pouliot, of Connaught Ontario, at St. Mary's Hospital — a son.
 BORN — on June 14th, 1942 to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. John Brimley, of 57 Cedar street, north — a daughter.
 ECRN — on June 9th, 1942 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francis Brown of 28 Laurier avenue, — a son.
 BORN — on May 23rd, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Russel Cessgrove, of 209 Elm street, south — a son.
 BORN — on June 2nd, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Delorme, of 273 Elm street, north — a daughter.
 BORN — on June 3rd, 1942 to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hill, of 43 Lakeshore Road, at St. Mary's Hospital — a daughter.
 BORN — on June 2nd, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. George Keown, of 252 Hemlock street, at St. Mary's Hospital — a son.
 BORN — on June 2nd, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Black, of 76 Second avenue, Schumacher, at St. Mary's hospital — a daughter.
 BORN — on May 29th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. George James Jordan, of 52 Birch street, south, at St. Mary's Hospital — a daughter.
 BORN — on June 4th, 1942 to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blanchard, of 171 Elm street, north, at St. Mary's Hospital — a son.
 BORN — on June 2nd, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Dorinda Duclas, of 51 Crescent avenue at St. Mary's Hospital — a daughter.

Another Excellent Issue of The Tisdale Talent

The June issue of "Tisdale Talent," the newspaper or magazine of the South Porcupine public school, was received last week, and it is a decided credit to the teachers and the pupils of the school. The teachers give all the honour to the pupils, pointing out that all parts of the work in connection with "Tisdale Talent" is left to the pupils and the pupils consequently are entitled to all the credit that may be due. While this may be true, the fact

remains there were it not for the capable work of the teaching staff, the pupils would not show the general talent and ability that is so evident in "Tisdale Talent."

To the editor, Norine White, special credit is due for the care, the good judgment and the effectiveness with which the contents of the little magazine have been selected and arranged. Her editorial article, "Behind the Front Lines," has the qualities that distinguish the right sort of editorial. It is brief, timely, sincere and suggests leadership for the pupils. It shows one way in which the children can help in the war effort. "Get in the Scrap with Scrap" is the conclusion of this well-written leading article.

The title page, designed by Frank York, shows a drawing of South Porcupine public school, with graduates in the foreground, while below the picture is a thoughtful poem on "Graduation Day," by Freda Hepburn, aged 13 years. Another illustrated page lists the graduates for 1942 of the South Porcupine public school — 46 of them — the clever design being by one of them — Helka Salonen. On the back page of the issue, the poem by Edith Bennett, 14 years old, "Our Summer Duties," is emphasized by a clever design, "The Way to Win the War," by Olga Resbetalski.

There are so many charming little poems by the pupils, and so many attractive little articles that deserve mention that it is to be regretted that time and space do not permit special individual mention. It is particularly pleasing to note the fact that patriotism seems to be the dominant quality in all the pupils contributing to "Tisdale Talent."

AN AFTER-THOUGHT

An official, completing the records of a young woman volunteer for war service, asked her who was her next of kin.
 "I haven't any," she said.
 "What!" said the official, "No father mother, aunts, brothers, uncles?"
 "No," she said, and then, after a pause, added doubtfully: "There's my husband, if he'll do."—Globe and Mail.



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"Of the money paid out, \$97,247 was to grocers, \$15,068 to dairies and \$15,452 for fuel. There was still owing to grocers \$25,415 and to dairies \$3,507.

The statement covers only strike relief raised by the committee. The money collected by local 240 in the way of contributions, fees, etc., has not been made public, nor has the money paid out to imported organizers and local officials.

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