

Premier Churchill Safely Back in Britain

Red Cross Asks for More Goods in Some Lines, But Others to be Stopped

List of "Stop" Items Given. Also List of Other Articles Urgently Needed. "Push the Making and Shipping of These Needed Articles to the Utmost," Says the Canadian Red Cross Society. Present Situation Explained

Mrs. McEachren, National Chairman of Women's War Work, who has just returned from England, sends the following recommendations to all Red Cross branches from her observations of conditions there:—

"It is not possible to tell our workers at home about all the interesting things I have been privileged to see and hear. It is a thrilling story and one in which we in Canada share the credit with the Overseas Committee. Three things only I will mention—the unbounded gratitude of the British people, whether in the Canadian Red Cross Society or in British Organizations, for the beautifully made clothing and quilts which we send to them; the courageous and wonderful service which the women there, including our Corps girls, have rendered in the distribution of our goods through the Air Raids; more recently the robot bomb and lastly, the imperative necessity of our doing everything in our power to make their task as easy as possible. I ask therefore, that the following outstanding points be carefully studied and put into effect at once.

The "Stop" orders are caused in the main by two things—first, in the civilian garments, by the fact that we are at present serving people in Great Britain who have to expend coupons for what they receive and who, naturally, will not use them on something which is unnecessary or of a type they feel does not adequately fill their needs; and second because of the lack of storage space in England. It does not mean that articles which you have under the "Stop" list will ultimately be useless—simply, that they must be held by the divisions, until further notice.

The shortage of warehouse space in England has to be seen to be appreciated. Work is carried on under conditions which we would call utterly impossible at home. It is not the fault of the Overseas Office who have searched earnestly and long for space—it is due to this tiny country being in the war and to the same time, acting as the storehouse for millions of men of the Allied Nations on Active Service, and for affiliated services such as the Red Cross Societies. In view of this and until the present congestion has been relieved by substantial shipments to the liberated countries, which may come at any time, we must shelve only those articles NOW required.

Stop
1. Stop making and shipping children's nightwear of all kinds larger than four years. The reason for this is that women coming to the C. O. C. S. for clothing, or the other organizations whom we serve, all refuse to give up their coupons for nightwear.

2. Stop making and shipping men's shirts—civilian. These are no longer required for the present at least.

3. Stop assembling infants' wear in layettes. The Committee there are sympathetic with our difficulty in this regard, knowing how women love to make and assemble them. At the same time it means that they all hope to be unpacked there and assembled in layettes which will not have a coupon value over 25. We average 350 layettes a month to the wives of Canadian service men alone. In September 500 were issued to these new Canadians and 1,000 to the French Red Cross for Normandy. In addition organizations regularly receiving help from the C. R. C. S. were served, so you can see the additional work entailed when curbs have to be unpacked. The Relief Committee hope, however, that we shall continue to send the powder soap and safety pins usually put into layettes along with the case lot of infants' clothing. Re diapers:—See below "Push making and shipping to the utmost."

4. Stop assembling any clothing kits. This has caused a great deal of trouble and annoyance overseas.

5. Stop making and shipping, until further notice, large sized women's clothing of all kinds. Size 33 and 3 only should be made with the emphasis on size 33.

6. Curtail the making and shipping of Cot Covers, small size.

7. Stop making and shipping: Khaki turtle-neck Sweaters; Sleeveless Sweaters, Navy, Khaki and Grey. Scm Sleeveless Airforce Sweaters are required, but only in small number and enough are now on hand. Khaki Mitts—Those in stock should be ripped and knit into gloves. Turtle-neck Tuck-in in all colours, Airforce Helmets of all kinds, Airforce Scarves.

8. Stop making and shipping white Convalescent Socks for Hospitals.

Al Wetmore President of Branch 88 of the Legion

Results of Election of Officers Announced This Week

Results of the voting of Timmins Branch No. 88 of the Canadian Legion for the officers for the ensuing year were announced this week. Details are not to hand but it is understood that the vote was closed for some offices and particularly so for president. The following are the officers as elected for 1945:—

President—Al Wetmore.
First Vice-Pres.—Les Nicholson
Second Vice-Pres.—Barney Quinn
Executive—Jack Brady, Geo. S. Drew, J. H. Keel, R. L. Hancock.

This means a very strong and interesting group of officers. R. L. Hancock is welcomed as a new member of the executive, as he is a member of Canada's new army.

Rev. Fr. Martindale Honoured by People at Schumacher

Banquet and Presentations on Occasion of Twenty-five Years in Priesthood.

Schumacher, Dec. 27. Special to The Advance.

Thursday, December 21st, The Rev. Father H. Martindale, of St. Alphonsus Parish Church, Schumacher, was honored on the occasion of his twenty-five years in the priesthood. Father Martindale was ordained in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral by Bishop Laflamme. Solemn High Mass was celebrated Thursday morning in St. Alphonsus Parish Church in honor of Father Martindale and in the evening the parishioners and friends gathered in the McIntyre Gymnasium hall when a banquet was held in honor of the event. Mr. R. J. Ennis was chairman for the evening. Many of the local clergymen attended and paid a high tribute to Father Martindale. His Excellency Louis Rheaume, O.M.I., Bishop of Timmins, the Rev. Father J. R. Theriault, of Notre Dame Des Sources Church, The Rev. Father J. R. O'Gorman, of the Church of Nativity, spoke in high tribute of Father Martindale. During the evening Father Martindale was the recipient of a presentation from the Timmins Branch of the Knights of Columbus. Also a presentation was made to him on behalf of his parishioners and friends. Father Martindale suitably replied expressing his sincere thanks to all. Attending the banquet were Father Martindale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Martindale, of New Liskeard, and his sister, Miss Mable Martindale.

There is no call for these whatever. Push the Making and Shipping of the Following to the Utmost:

1. Leggings and Leggins for Infants— These are greatly in demand and the Divisions have fallen down badly on their quota for this year. They may be either made out of material, suitable for the purpose, or knitted. If knitted, they need not be confined to pastel colours. They are so urgently required that any suitable wool in mid-colours, or even navy blue, should be used.

2. Diapers— These are coming in larger numbers now, but there are never enough.

3. Infants' clothing of all kinds on our quota, with special emphasis on knitted garments. There is also a great shortage of coats for infants. Use any suitable cloth, which need not be pastel colours, for infants' coats and leggings.

4. Comforts for the Armed Services: Navy, Turtle-neck Sweaters, long sleeves, Navy and Gray wool scarves, Navy wool Gloves or Mitts with emphasis on Gloves. Navy wool referred.

5. Army V-or boat-neck Khaki long-sleeved Sweaters. These are greatly needed. Gloves-Khaki

Airforce—Turtle-neck Sweaters—long sleeves.

FISH FOR THE UNITED NATIONS



From the picturesque shores of the Gaspé Peninsula more than 3,500 fishermen put out to sea. Their annual catch totals more than 35 million pounds of cod fish to swell the food and medical supplies of the United Nations. Cod is dried for overseas shipment thus saving valuable cargo space, while the livers yield prized, vitamin-rich oil. Canada has agreed to supply a hundred thousand gallons of cod liver oil to UNRRA in the year ending next July. The picture above shows one of a series of about a hundred photographs chosen to represent all phases of Canadian life to the other Allied Nations. Collections have already been requested by Australia, Latin American countries, France, Great Britain.

Good News Reaches Here About Former Resident, Alf. Snow

Report of His Death by Robot Bomb Apparently a Mistake. All Here Delighted.

On Nov. 9th, The Advance carried a reference to the report that Alf W. Snow a popular old-time resident of this part of the North, had been killed overseas when a robot bomb destroyed the building in which he was conducting a store business. The report had every indication of authenticity and came from a source that seemed to leave no room for any doubt. To increase the belief in the news coming from overseas was the fact that letters from soldiers from overseas in many cases included such expressions as "Too bad about good old Alf. Snow," or "I suppose you have heard the sad news about Alf Snow." There seemed to be no doubt about the truth of the report in view of the detailed and circumstantial evidence that seemed to accumulate to support it. His host of friends in Timmins and district will be delighted to learn that the report seems to be incorrect. Just how it started may remain a mystery, although the origin may lie in the fact of another man of the same name meeting death in the manner indicated. Or it may be some other form of confusion that caused the mistake. No one will care very much, how it started so long as Alf. Snow once again missed the trouble. Alf. Snow was in earlier years one of the most popular residents of Timmins. As a singer of marked ability and of generous disposition he was always in great demand. In this connection the people of Timmins and district owe much to Alf. Snow. He was popular and prominent in many circles here and few men were more generally liked and esteemed. He has had a number of miraculous escapes from death and all will be delighted to know that the Nazis did not get him as reported. He was in the last war and came through safely. Then he was in an accident at the Coniarum Mine that might easily have cost him his life but he escaped with the loss of an arm. He was on the Athena when the Germans torpedoed that great ship in the early days of the war, but he was one of those escaping and finally landing in Ireland and later getting back safely to his native Cornwall.

In the last week or two there have been several letters received in town from Alf. That would suggest that once again Alf. Snow has escaped from the danger. As noted before the item regarding the report of his recent death was in The Advance of Nov. 9th. Here is one letter received last week in town by an old friend of Alf's Mr. J. Fisher, Coniarum Mine, Schumacher, Ont. This letter is dated "St. Ann's

Chapel, Gunnislake, Cornwall, England, Nov. 14th, 1944." So far as the Cornwall "cancellation" mark can be deciphered, it would appear also to be Nov. 14th, so the report previous to Nov. 9th, certainly must have been some kind of an unfortunate mistake. The letter, in part, reads as follows:—

"Hello Jack:—After hearing over the radio the other evening that all Christmas mail for Canada should be sent within two weeks, I decided to step on the gas to pen a few lines to some old friends. I have no other excuse for not writing you before except that I have been rather busy. Seeing that I have taken six years to send you a few lines you cannot be rushed for a reply. Now, Jack, how are you and your family. O.K., I hope, and I do hope the old mine is still going strong. I often wish was out there with you all. I cannot seem to pick up the old threads. I have been over here six years and I am just as far away now as I was the first week over here. Well, Jack I am getting to be an old married man and all the old stepping-out days have ended—just an old home bird—it seems too much trouble to go out for a drink. ... Now I will ring off this year. Give my regards to Mrs. Fisher and the few I may know out there yet. Here's wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a Brighter New Year.

"The Same as Ever."
"Alf. Snow."

Canada's Newest V. C. Winner



This is a portrait of Pte. Ernest Alvia "Smoky" Smith of New Westminster, B. C. who is the first private to win a Victoria Cross in this war, taken shortly before he went overseas with the Seaforth Highlanders. Since his daring exploit in holding an important bridge-head against a German tank assault he was dubbed "Canada's one-man army." At a private investiture His Majesty King George VI presented "Smoky" with the V. C. saying "Here's a little present from me to you." He is the second soldier from New Westminster, B. C. to win the V. C.

John Forbes Shot in Back on Trail Near Coniarum

John Forbes, one of the Pioneer lawyers of the Camp, and also interested in mining and prospecting, was shot in the shoulders last night around seven o'clock on the trail running from the Coniarum Road, about a mile and a half from the Highway. The cause of the shooting is not yet clear. Mr. Forbes was shot from behind. He is in hospital here and making good progress to recovery.

Chief McInnis at South Porcupine and his men were soon busy on the case and have a young fellow not yet sixteen years of age under arrest on a charge of wounding. A charge of juvenile delinquency is also likely in the case. The boy detained is Lawson Keiser, who lives in the vicinity.

Elegant Gifts from F. W. Schumacher

Schumacher, Dec. 27th. Special to The Advance.

Wednesday evening Schumacher Public School Auditorium was a fairyland with bright coloured lights and tinsel decked Christmas trees, Mr. F. W. Schumacher's gifts had arrived and were on display. Each year at Christmas Mr. Schumacher remembers all the school children and there is gifts for each child on the tree. This year's gifts for High and Public school were really wonderful. For the boys there were heavy sweaters, skis, ski poles, and harness, ski caps and mitts. For the girls there were moccasins, blouses, sweaters, lovely handbags, overnight cases. There were also a large number of lovely bound volumes of The Holy Bible and books with good reading for the students. For the younger children there were lovely dolls, drums, and a good list of various games and toys. Mr. P. A. Boyce principal of the school, was on hand to extend a welcome to all. It was open night at the school. Each room was open to visitors and the teachers had a friendly chat with many of the parents. During the evening the pupils gathered in the auditorium and sang Christmas carols, Miss Gertrude Bristow accompanying at the piano. One extra bright spot in the auditorium with many coloured lights was the picture of Mr. F. W. Schumacher, donor of the lovely gifts which brought joy to the hearts of the pupils and to all who visited the school that night.

Red Cross Schedule For Bardessono Workrooms for Jan.

The following is the Red Cross schedule for the Bardessono workrooms for January, 1945:—

Tuesday, January 2—Finnish Women of Harmony Hall and Hadassah Group.
Wednesday, January 3—Ladies of St. Anne and Mrs. Allen's Group and Jr. C.W.L.

Thursday, January 4—Mrs. Hardy's Group and St. Matthew's Group and Princess Alice Club.

Friday, January 5—United Church Group and Finnish Organization.

Monday, January 8—Mrs. Patrick's Group and Eastern Star.

Tuesday, January 9—Finnish Women of Harmony Hall and Hadassah Group.
Wednesday, January 10—Mrs. Ralph Group and LaLigue Feminine Catholique.

Thursday, January 11—Sr. C.W.L. (Mrs. Moran's Group) and Princess Alice Club.

Friday, January 12—French Federation and Dime Club and Finnish Organization.

Monday, January 15—Mrs. Patrick's Group and Eastern Star.

Tuesday, January 16—Finnish Women of Harmony Hall and Hadassah Group.

Wednesday, January 17—Mrs. Allen's Group and Home and School Club.

Thursday, January 18—Sr. C.W.L. (Mrs. McCoy's Group) and Princess Alice Club.

Friday, January 19—United Church Group and I.O.E. and Finnish Organization.

Monday, January 22—Mrs. Patrick's Group and Eastern Star.

Tuesday, January 23—Finnish Women of Harmony Hall and Hadassah Group.

Wednesday, January 24—Mrs. Ralph's Group and French Federation.

Thursday, January 25—Women's Institute and Princess Alice Club.

Friday, January 26—Finnish Organization and Women of the Moose.

Monday, January 29—Mrs. Patrick's Group and Eastern Star.

Tuesday, January 30—Finnish Women of Harmony Hall and Hadassah Group.

Wednesday, January 31—Rooms Closed.
The Wool Room located in the Municipal Building, Room 12, will be open on Tuesday, January 2 and will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,

Greek Reds Make Three Attempts to Murder British Prime Minister

Another Collection of Waste Fats on Saturday

Be Ready for the Boy Scouts Again on Saturday of this Week

Timmins Boy Scouts will be collecting waste fats again on Saturday of this week, Dec. 30th, and all householders are asked once more to have the fats ready for the lads when they call. The need for waste fats is greater than ever for the making of munitions, so all should help.

It is some weeks since the last collection of waste fats so it is certain that there will be a big supply ready for the boys on Saturday. The Boy Scouts have done a wonderful job during the past year in this collection of fats and it is hoped that they will make a very special effort on Saturday. The holiday season should make it easy for the boys to get out in strength for this big job, and it is expected that they will all be out on Saturday to keep up their fine reputation that has won commendation from the authorities.

Despatches from Athens tell of three attempts to murder Prime Minister Churchill on his visit to Greece this week. Dynamite in a sewer was found all ready to blow up the hotel at which he stopped. While standing outside the British embassy a shot fired by a Greek left winger narrowly missed the Prime Minister. Another attempt was also unsuccessful. Safe again in London, Winston Churchill is quoted as saying that unless the Greeks can adjust their differences an international trust may have to rule the country till order is restored.

Enemy defences of Budapest are said to be caught in a vice by the Russian forces.

Associated Press despatches say that the German offensive has been halted on the U. S. Army front and that the enemy has lost the initiative.

MRS. J. TAYLOR, SCHUMACHER DIED SUDDENLY LAST WEEK

Schumacher, Dec. 27th. Special to The Advance.

Sympathy is extended Mr. Jack Taylor, McIntyre Property, Platt Veldt in the sudden death of Mrs. Taylor, who passed away suddenly Saturday evening suffering from a heart attack. The funeral service was held Tuesday morning in St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Timmins. The body was taken on the noon train to Montreal for burial. Funeral arrangements were with the Walker Funeral Home, Timmins.

Woman Dies; Husband Badly Injured as Result of Hit-and-Run Car

Fire in Basement Does Considerable Damage on Saturday

Fire Chief Stanley and his men had twelve fire calls during the past week, five of them being for chimney and pipe fires, one truck on fire with little damage, one short circuit with little damage, one oil burner backfiring, one false alarm and one call in error. Of course, the firemen gave their regular special service, getting in through a window to rescue two youngsters who had shut themselves in the bathroom.

There was a fire at 116 Hemlock on Saturday at 12.07 p.m. that caused several hundred dollars in damage before it was discovered. The fire was in the basement occupied by S. Anzara, who was away at the time. The people in the upstairs apartment had difficulty in getting through the smoke. The fire started apparently from a defective chimney opening that had not been properly plugged.

Just as Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Brien, Columbus Avenue, were turning into driveway opposite No. 32 Columbus, on Saturday evening about 11.15 they were hit by a car that evidently was partly off the road as well as on the wrong side of the road. The car passed on and the injured couple were left there for maybe five or ten minutes before they were found by a young lady passing on the street. One of Dalton's taxis came along at that time and the driver at once hurried the injured couple to the hospital. Mrs. O'Brien suffered a fractured skull in the accident and died Sunday about five o'clock p.m. Mr. O'Brien had both legs fractured and also suffers from shock and other minor injuries.

The police did unusually effective work on a case that seemed without a clue and on Sunday placed Robert Tubman, of 80 Columbus Ave., 35 years of age, under arrest. He was remanded at police court Wednesday morning on a charge of motor manslaughter. He is out on \$10,000 bail.

Mrs. O'Brien, who was 30 years of age, leaves two children, 9 and 3 years old, as well as the widowed husband.

Musical Programme Featured at This Week's Meeting of Kiwanis Club

Officers Installed at Golden Beaver

St. John Night was observed at Golden Beaver Lodge, A.F. and A.M. Timmins, last night (Wednesday), Dec. 27th.

The following officers for the ensuing year were installed:—
W. M.—Wor. Bro. W. R. Nankervis.
S. W.—Bro. F. S. Armstrong.
J. W.—Bro. K. H. Stubbs.
Chaplain—Bro. R. Chalmers.
Treasurer—Bro. W. McHugh.
Secretary—Bro. E. L. Urquhart.
S. D.—Bro. A. J. Barrett.
J. D.—Bro. W. Wallace.
S. S.—A. Muter.
J. S.—Bro. S. J. Jose.
D. of C.—Bro. I. Gordon.
I. G.—Bro. J. Hunt.
O. G.—Bro. J. Weir.

After the meeting, the brethren were treated to a dainty lunch in the banquet hall. Singing and short addresses added to the interest of this part of the programme.

Friday of each week from 2 to 5 p.m. The SU... Room located in the... Office will be open on... and Friday of each week.

Cwing to the holidays this week the regular luncheon of the Kiwanis Club was held on Wednesday this week, and owing to alterations being made at the Empire hotel dining room the event took place at the McIntyre Community Building. President Jack Bestwick was in the chair, with W. H. Wilson at the piano. The feature for the day was an unusually pleasing musical programme, E. H. King acting as master of ceremonies, and the musical numbers being given by Geo. A. Jenkin on the piano and C. E. Wall on the violin. The numbers by these two gifted artists were greatly enjoyed by all. Classical and popular numbers were presented in perfect way by both these musical artists. The rounds of applause that followed each number showed the appreciation of the audience. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to O. E. Wall, Geo. Jenkin, W. H. Wilson and E. H. King for this musical programme.

Robert Mennie won the weekly war savings draw.

Visitors for the day were Bob Crosby, president of Schumacher Lions Club; Lieut. H. Jowsey, Toronto; D. H. Row, Timmins; H. J. Rose, Harrisburg, Pa.

Next week's meeting of the Kiwanis will be held at the Empire hotel at noon on Tuesday. The chief feature of the luncheon will be the installation of officers for the ensuing year.