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In Our Mail Box

Midnapore, Alberta,
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The Tribune:
 Before leaving home I promised to write to you, letting you know what I thought of my journey to Calgary by air-ways. I am sorry that I have been so long in fulfilling my promise. The plane trip was fine and very comfortable. After being seated in a nicely upholstered chair suitable for sitting upright in or reclining for sleeping, our hostess handed us a daily paper, package of chewing gum, a package of cigarettes and matches. After passing North Bay, she brought in a small tray on which was placed a cup of tea and a plate of sandwiches for any person who cared to partake of them; some did and some did not. Afterwards she presented us with a very comfortable blanket in case we should feel cold during the night and I thought that a pretty good send off. We had a very pleasant drive till near Winnipeg where we ran into a storm which shook us up some, but after rising higher we soared above the storm laden cloud and had fine sailing again. Although we made six stops on the way we reached Calgary on schedule time, 2,200 miles in just twelve hours. I found Mrs. Morton, my daughter, waiting with a car for me.

Stouffville, Ontario,
 September 26, 1940

Dear Sir:
 In regard to the Religious instruction in the schools I would like to add my views with the many others no doubt you have received. Religious instruction, I take to mean, study of the Bible, (no creeds or doctrines), and I think it is bound to come sooner or later. The homes have neglected to teach, diligently moral instruction, which is the knowledge of God. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," Psa. 111:10. "We realize as never before that the power of any nation is the intelligence and moral of its people. Our Father demanded physical instruction, as well, for the youth of our land. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, and for connection, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works," 2 Tim. 3-15:16. "The entrance of God's word giveth light and understanding to the simple," Psa. 119-130. "Faith is the gift of God," Eph. 2:8. "And cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," Rom. 10:17. "Jesus said we do err in not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God," Mark 12:24. "The word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword," Heb. 4:12.

Students could be taught in customs of the times. Geographical settings, the heroes of the Bible, the life of the prophets and their message, the life of Christ and His ministry on earth, His miracles and parables, the Lord's prayer, the beatitudes, Jesus' death, and His resurrection and His coming again, etc.

I can't believe that any parents would object to his or her child receiving the word of God in the Bible. It would not necessarily need a minister, (the power is in the word, not in him that teaches it. God speaks to us through his word). "It is the sword of the spirit," Eph. 6:17.

May it never be said of our country that, "there is no knowledge of God in the land," but rather, "may the earth be full of the knowledge of God," 2 Peter 1:2.
 —Uxbridge Twp. Reader.

Well we have been camped out in tents for the last two months and we have had some wonderful weather lately for it, although it is plenty cool at night. But I guess that it is better than the hot sultry nights that you can't sleep at all, at least I would sooner have it that way. —But they are talking of sending us to Egypt and if they do I guess we will know what hot weather means before we get back. Well that's about all I can think of so I will close wishing you all the best,
 From a friend,
 Horace
 Yours very truly,
 Bruce Morton

J. W. Ratcliff
 58 Frank Street, Ottawa, Ont.
 Sept. 17, 1940

The Tribune:
 Sometime ago in your paper you expressed a desire to have word from any of the boys of Stouffville or those who used to live in the vicinity. A few years ago a young man used to make his home at my place in fact when he was a young lad just out from England as a ward of the Barnardo Homes, he came to my place just north of Stouffville. Horace Cook is quite well known by the people and last spring the Young People of Bloomington sent him a box of good things. Horace enlisted in the Hastings and Prince Edward Co. Regiment, and was in the first contingent to sail overseas. The newspapers stated that the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment was one of the units to land in Bordeaux just before the collapse of France.

The last we had heard from him was written May 26, thanking the Bloomington folks for their parcel, up until a few days ago. I had been concerned about him so I wrote to the Department of National Defense. Their reply and his letter arrived the same day.

A copy of his letter may be of interest to you:
 "Dear Mr. and Mrs. Morton:
 Well I've been wondering why I haven't heard from you for so long, but the only reason I can think of is that your last letter or else mine must have been lost because there has been a dreadful lot of mail lost these last two months, but I hope this one finds you healthy as it leaves me."

Well we don't seem to be doing much over here except for bringing a plane down once in a while but we sure are getting a lot of air raids. We never miss a day and, sometimes three or four in a day,

Editorial Comment

Well Done Stouffville

The Red Cross supporters in Stouffville are to be congratulated for the splendid manner in which they responded to the call to support the drive to raise \$2,000 as our war effort last week. The writer detests canvassing for funds, but as one of those who undertook to interview certain prospects, the ordeal proved a pleasant undertaking. Everybody received us in a cordial manner, and stood ready to play their part in subscribing in such a wholehearted manner, that the top was reached before Saturday night.

Likewise, the canvassers outside the village in Whitchurch, Markham, Pickering, Uxbridge, and everywhere else, reported splendid reception at almost every home. "There'll Always be an England," is the firm belief of our people and they stood ready to back up their belief.

Hybrid Corn Resists Borer

Corn borer which has devastated some districts is not yet fully controlled and a good deal of it is in the immediate locality. Speaking to The Tribune on this question Mr. W. M. Cockburn district representative of agriculture at Newmarket, he said: In York County we have quite a number of farmers who are trying out the "Hybrid" corn this year and we have checked on the corn borer infestations in any fields of this corn, and find a marked difference in the damage. In the Hybrid there is very little break-down and only about one-third as many borers present."

Mr. Cockburn strongly recommends that farmers should visit any field of hybrid in their territory before it is all cut. It is also recommended that stalks and stubble should be burned rather than left in the field.

One Standard Can

Here's an item of news which should be of interest to everybody. After January 1, 1941, the tin containers of fruits and vegetables, jamaes, preserves, jellies, marmalade, fruit and vegetable juices will be standardized—which means that all manufacturers and packers of fruits, vegetables and allied lines will put up their products in tins of specified sizes and having specified weights.

In the past there has been a multiplicity of container sizes—not because packers wanted many sizes, but because they had to meet competition, especially in foreign markets. Now the Federal Government has decreed that sizes and weight of contents must be standardized.

Are You Collecting Tax ?

Thousands of Canadians this month, under the National Defense Tax regulations, paid income tax to the Dominion Government for the first time.

The exemptions allowed, \$600 for a single person and \$1,200 for a married one, are considerably lower than those for the income tax proper.

Consequently the new impost affects many people hitherto income tax free as far as the Dominion Government is concerned.

This tax, in the case of persons drawing salary or wages is to be deducted at the source where at all possible, and remitted by the employer to the District Inspector of Income Tax by the 15th of the month following that in which the salary or wages are paid. The first payment due September 1 covers the period from July 1 to the last pay day in August.

Everybody employing a maid, butler, chauffeur, etc., on a permanent basis or a charwoman, laundress or gardener by the day, should collect any National Defense Tax due on the wages paid. In such cases, a valuation of board and lodging supplied should be added to wages to determine the full income for tax purposes.

Take, for instance, the case of a maid living in the house. Subsistence supplied should be regarded as part of the income. Valuation of the board and lodging supplied is left to the discretion of the employer, who is expected to be fair. Regulations issued by the Income Tax Department submit values of \$3 to \$6 a week for the guidance of employers. Naturally the accommodation of a girl working in a house where she has a private sitting-room, bathroom, etc., is worth more than that of a girl sleeping in an attic room.

If wages, plus subsistence, have a total value of over \$600 in the case of a single person without dependents, she would have to pay National Defense Tax. The same would apply in the case of a man. If the amount charged for subsistence by the employer is considered too high, the employee can appeal to the income-tax authorities.

In the case of married employees the employer is required to collect National Defense Tax at the source only when the income paid including wages and subsistence exceeds \$1,200 a year.

Farmers, whether hired help or owners and renters, are liable for the tax, and township treasurers have to deduct it from their pay cheques from these men working on roads, if the rate of pay on an hourly basis would come within the bracket on which tax is collected. They therefore have to know whether each working man is married or not. It has added a lot of work to the already onerous duties of these officials.

Under Forced Draft BUSINESS DIRECTORY

During the summer the textile plants have been operating under forced draft, and pouring out articles of uniform and clothing at the rate of tens of thousands a week. As an indication of the production, the following table lists the deliveries made to the Canadian army during the two weeks ending August 9. The figures for the air force and navy are in addition.

It will be seen from the table that the industry can practically equip a full division of troops in a two-weeks period.

Deliveries to Army in Two Weeks

- Battle Dress Blouses ... 22,000
- Battle Dress Trousers ... 22,000
- Leather Belts ... 12,000
- Blankets ... 30,000
- Boots ... 69,000
- Braces ... 27,000
- Caps ... 20,000
- Comforter Caps ... 37,000
- Greatcoats ... 14,000
- Sweaters ... 22,000
- Overall Blouses ... 38,000
- Overall Trousers ... 40,000
- Flannel Shirts ... 18,000
- Service Shirts ... 72,000
- Socks ... 91,000
- Underwear Shirts ... 40,000
- Underwear ... 40,000

There are no signs yet of the woollen and knit goods division slackening up. The job of equipping troops has only started. Commencing October 1, Ottawa plans to train another 300,000 men in one-year period.

One week from next Monday is Thanksgiving Day.

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