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## Notes and Comments

### Do We Appreciate our Good Fortune ?

Drinking water is supplied to the people of Stouffville at the rate of \$4.00 per year for all they want to use in their homes. Yet down in Bermuda they are importing water from New York. The Island has no rivers and no wells—rainwater caught on roof tops and stored in tanks is the sole domestic source of supply, and prolonged drought has made it necessary to import water. Such situations as this serve to make us more appreciative of our own favored position.

### Keep Name on Mail Box

It is suggested that the farmers should not overlook the necessity of keeping their name printed on the rural mail box. It is a postal regulation for the benefit of the couriers, but aside from that it is a good advertisement for the farmer. He is in big business, and his name should be on the front door of his premises, just as he expects a merchant or those in other lines of business to hang out their shingle. Tourists appreciate reading the name of farm owners, and so do most all travellers.

### Stick to the English

Considerable criticism is going the rounds of newspapers levelled against the Unemployment Insurance Act itself, because of its complications, and even yet many do not know whether they are subject to pay or not. However, the annoyance is increased when one has to figure out the book partly in French. It's almost an insult, we imagine, to offer the English speaking people of this country government literature printed in another tongue, done apparently to appease the French-Canadian. We are informed that it cost the government at Ottawa somewhere about two million dollars a year extra to print the French alongside the English on all the millions of forms done that way.

### Poor Advice Got Highways Department in Wrong

The present battle for pavement construction between Goodwood and Stouffville is over, and the ratepayers have lost the round to the Minister of Highways, who has given a flat refusal to all the appeals from independent and political parties of every complexion, especially Liberal. The Minister offered no excuse or held out no appeasement. He didn't say, "There is a war on, and patriotic citizens should not be asking for pavement, when the tax burden is what it is owing to the war." No, he didn't suggest anything of the kind, because it would not have gone over very well.

The ratepayers of Uxbridge Township were aware that the government could forgo paving eight miles north of Uxbridge and complete the road they had built to Goodwood so that the link would be hooked up with a pavement to Toronto at Stouffville.

The M.P.P. for Muskoka-Ontario and the Minister of Highways sanctioned the two roads out of Uxbridge before they sounded public opinion, and had only the advice of a couple or three business men who were thinking of business interests, and not the general desire of the farmers for a highway to Toronto.

If the present ruffled attitude of Uxbridge Liberals persists, we predict the road from Goodwood to Stouffville will be completed before long. The argument of the Highways Minister that it would take three years to prepare the road for a pavement is not taken seriously. Most of it is in superior condition now than the road they paved from Uxbridge.

### Conservative Leader

Who will be the new leader of the Conservatives is now becoming a live question in federal political circles. An energetic and really resourceful Opposition chief could exert a tremendous influence on war effort. He would make the government more alert, wipe off a lot of camouflage that now serves as protective colouring. It would be good for the war effort, good for the country, good for the government and, incidentally, good for the decimated Conservative party. There are many applicants for the job. According to the Magazine "Canadian Business" George Drew is quite ready to try it, as are many of the present elected members in the House, but the popular choice this Magazine says would be Murdoch MacPherson, prominent Regina lawyer, widely known veteran of the last war, a vigorous debater, winning in personal contact. That George Drew has played around too much with Premier Hepburn to break away into an effective party job, does not, to us, prove anything, as Canadian Business suggests.

### St. Lawrence Pact

News from Washington about the outlook for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin pact is so conflicting it is almost impossible to get a satisfactory picture of the situation. One day comes a despatch saying President Roosevelt is confident the agreement will be approved by Congress in a short time, and the next day there are stories that the American railways, the coal people of the Virginias, the port people of the north half of the Atlantic seaboard, and the New England transportation interests are putting on an even more effective fight against the project than eight

## Overseas Mail

Cards and letters received by the local Veterans as a result of the good work being done by their Comfort Fund, which is supplying the local lads overseas with much appreciated smokes.

Hello Folks:

Your gift package of cigarettes OK. It was very much appreciated and I must say thanks a lot to the folks who have made it possible for the boys and myself to receive these each month.

Very quiet here now for some time, but it won't be long before Hitler gets his dues which he sure deserves.

Pte. F. G. Madill.

Secretary Stouffville Veterans

Hello Bert,

Well Bert I just received another box of cigarettes from you fellows and that is half the battle over here, along with letters from home.

Cigarettes are very hard to get lots of places, so you know how we like to get them, thanks a million. Things are a little quiet around here. I guess old Jerry has his hands full some where else just now. The Russians are putting up a good fight. Everyone seems to be with them over here. We are all hoping for the best. Thumbs up.

Pte. Harold Lewis

Dear Sir,

Thanks very much for the smokes received to day, July 14th. They are very welcome and as usual come at an opportune moment. I hope you are all getting along alright. Things are fine with us here. So long.

George Abell.

Sec'y. Stouffville Veterans

Dear Bert,

How is everything in the good old town of Stouffville. It feels like years since I was walking down the street. I suppose it is very nice in Canada these days and everybody is busy in their garden. It was damp and cold over here till a few weeks ago and the weather is really beginning to warm up. We had a good air-raid here the other night. Everything was shaking. It lasted from one in the morning till four thirty. The sky was lit up all around the place. You people over there I guess read about it in the paper. Thanks a million for the cigarettes, I appreciate them very much.

My wife wrote and told me, her father has joined up. Have any of the other boys joined yet. I guess before long they all will be in. Keep smiling, thumbs up.

Harold Lewis.

The following letter was sent to Mrs. Fred Draper of Atha, from her brother-in-law, Pte. G. B. Draper, who has arrived in England. Pte Draper was employed by the Misses Whitson in Pickering before war broke out.

"Well I am now settled in England We sure had a nice trip over here and we had a real up-to-date ship only 5 years old, a 25,000 ton vessel.

There were six troopships in our convoy and we were well guarded all the way by the navy. We left Canada on June 21st, and landed over here on June 30th. The weather over here is very hot, about 90 in the shade. The country where our camp is situated is very similar to Ontario, and we are about one hour and half on the train from London. We had an air-raid last night, but no bombs were dropped. These air-raid sirens are a weird sound, until one gets used to them. I expect to get 5 days leave soon and will go to Burton and see some of my relations.

The food in camp is very good when a person considers just how hard times are over here. The most shortage is sugar, butter and eggs which we do not see much of. The price of everything is about double as it is in peace time and all foods are rationed. When we go on pass we have to have a ration card before we can get our meals, so you can see it is quite a change to good old Canada.

This trip has sure been a real experience for me as we have come nearly 4,000 miles the route we came. I think the best scenery was in Eastern Canada. It was wonderful, and I hope I can see it again before long.

We had our driving test to-day and I passed A-1 so I think we will soon be sent to the field driving after we get our leave. It sure seems funny driving on the left side of the road, and this English money is confusing, but I am getting used to it, and it doesn't last long over here as everything is so expensive. It is a fairly nice country some parts, but I would not change Canada for this

years ago, when a similar document was rejected by the U.S. Senate. All that Premier King would say to parliament before it knocked off for the summer was that if the pact were approved at a fairly early date in Washington he would recall the Canadian legislators to give it prompt consideration and not keep the friendly Americans waiting. This was approved by the radical groups in the House but not by the Conservatives.

## In the Editor's Mail

PLAIN TALK BY BRIGADIER-GENERAL

(Here is a plain-talk letter from Brig. General Burnham of B.C., who has just been decorated from the Serb and Yugoslav government. In the post he rendered great service to France, Serbia, Macedonia and Albania.)

Halcyon Hot Springs, Arrow Lakes, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Kaiser Wilhelm has gone to his reward. History will record that he was a good man, and loyal to his friends and allies. And, that is a lot in a world where so few are dependable. The old time German was a good citizen and welcome in every quarter of the globe. Later generations brought up under the tutelage of Hitler and his cohorts with little regard for human life and suffering, are just a tribe of savage snarling tomcats. The little Austrian house-painter has put it over the political bigwigs of 15 nations, which shows what one man can do with vision and determined purpose. Let no one suppose that it cannot happen again. It has happened all through the ages and will happen again.

A number of older generals have been shelved in favor of younger men who are supposed to have more steam. Steam is alright in places but it will never replace experience and mature judgment. The so-called mystery of Rudolf Hess has not been cleared up-if mystery there is. He probably could no longer stomach the atrocities of Hitler and his gangsters, and fled before he became the victim of a blood purge. Rudolf Hess might well be employed to give instructions to the powers that be in military strategy and how to wage war, which is not always in evidence in our operations abroad. Narvik, Dunkerque, Dakar, Greece, Crete and Libya follow each other in monotonous sequence. Notwithstanding all setbacks we shall muddle through somehow-painful though it be.

A nation at war should conserve its resources, practice rigid economy and avoid fantastic schemes. For, an economic break will lead to military disaster. That fact is as plain as a pikestaff, that he who runs may read.

It is characteristic of a democracy that it starts a war as though it were to last 6 months. Democracies are prone to use war as a smoke screen for all sorts of fantastic and diabolical schemes.

Each side of the present conflict promises a new order for Europe and the world. But, it will be the same old world but more of it. There will be the same old political rackets and more of them—the same old agitation for less work and more pay—the same old conspiracy to rob the man who works and saves his money—the same old political promises and squandermania—the same old gang riding on the taxpayer.

Democracies are mostly interested in the maintenance of a high standard of living. If they were were equally interested in the maintenance of a higher standard of morals, it would be of inestimable benefit to the whole world. The clogs in the gear of democratic nations are wastage, inefficiency, favoritism and red tape, which makes one wish for a benevolent dictator.

Bolshevism and Nazism are in a head-on collision on the eastern front. By the time the curtain falls on that conflict we may be ready to mop up what remains.

As the sun goes down on an embattled world, there appears on the horizon the word, "Retribution."

F. E. Burnham

place at any price. We do not know what a fine country we have until we start to travel.

The roads over here are very narrow and as crooked as a snake, some places you can hardly pass another car. There are a few cars used here, but they are only midgets, they use more bicycles. You should see the trains, they are only toys compared with the Canadian trains and the coaches are like trailers.

Price Pugh is in different Co. than I am, but he is only about five minutes walk from my hut, so I see him quite often. Well I think I have told you all I know, so good-bye for now.

Pte. G. B. Draper, Reg. No. B. 84777 R.C.A.S.C. No.-1 Holding Unit Base P.O. Canadian Army Overseas.

## BACON, HAM CONSUMPTION FURTHER CUT 25 PER CENT

Canadians are to be allotted 25 per cent less than they have been getting of all pork killed by the abattoirs for next two months at least.

Behind the new steps is a request of the British Ministry of Food that, if possible, the present Canada-United Kingdom contract for 425,000,000 pounds of bacon, hams and other cuts be completed by about Sept. 15 instead of October 31 as originally scheduled.

In an effort to ensure the reaching of this objective, Agriculture Minister Gardiner made these announcements last week.

1. The amount of pork products, including ham and bacon, that may be distributed for Canadian consumption by exporting packers is to be reduced by 25 per cent.

2. Live hogs, dressed hogs and other edible pork products, excepting lard, may not be exported to points other than the United Kingdom and British possessions. This restriction came into effect to-day.

3. The price paid by the bacon board to packers for Wiltshire bacon for shipment to the United Kingdom will be further advanced \$1 a hundredweight, effective from the opening of livestock markets to-day.

This raises the price for grade A, No. 1 sizeable Wiltshires to \$19.60 a hundredweight, compared with a price of \$16.10 under the original 1940-41 contract with Britain.

The reduction in the amount of pork products available for sale in Canada was the second time such action has been taken under the War Measures Act.

The first, last May, limited to the weekly average of last year the amount of pork products on the Canadian market, and at that time a spokesman for the Bacon Board said: "If we find it necessary to take over all the ham and bacon in Canada to meet Britain's request (for more bacon) we will not hesitate to do it."

Subsequently the board issued an (Continued on page seven)



Rev Donald W. Maddocks, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Kitchener, has enlisted in the R.C.A.F. as an observer. "He believes he will be able to get in closer touch with the men as an observer than he would as a padre," said his mother, Mrs. William Maddocks.

### BIBLE THIEF

Selling Bibles is not always a virtuous occupation. A salesman of Bibles in Vancouver — so reports Bookseller and Stationer — has been stealing them from booksellers, and then had the audacity to sell them back to those from whom he stole. He tried to sell for \$5 a Bible which he had stolen from the Christian Book Shoppe. The proprietor recognized it as being one stolen from her. The salesman ran, leaving the Bible!

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th, IS THANKSGIVING DAY

Canada this year will observe Thanksgiving Day on October 13th, the second Monday in October.

This announcement was made by Hon. P. F. Casgrain, Secretary of State, who said a proclamation naming October 13th as a day of "general thanksgiving" will be issued shortly.

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