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—RETURNED FROM OTTAWA Senator Creelman MacArthur and Mrs MacArthur have returned from Ottawa where they attended the opening of the Senate.—S.

—KELVIN GROVE W.M.S. —The April meeting of W.M.S. of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Hogg, Kelvin Grove. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Hogg occupied the chair and led the devotional exercises, which followed those outlined in the Missionary Monthly, several members taking part. The minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Edward McMurdo, also correspondence from Mrs. J. A. Mathieson and other members of the executive. It was decided to answer the roll call in future by a verse of scripture the first month's to be on "Faith." The offer Thankoffering envelopes were issued in and also the regular offering. Mrs. W. C. Forbes gave an interesting review of portions of the Study Book "Serving With The Sons of Shuh." The meeting closed by singing "Jesus Shall Reign" and the Mispah Benediction. The next meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. W.C. Forbes. After the business of the meeting the hostess served lunch, assisted by Mrs. Robert Hogg and Mrs. Edward MacPherson.

—HOSPITAL DAY AT PRINCE COUNTY HOSPITAL — Yesterday was "Hospital Day" at the Prince County Hospital when the hospital was thrown open for inspection. There was a large number of visitors during the afternoon. Miss Mann, the Superintendent was assisted in receiving the guests by Dr. Reginald Pope, secretary of Rotary Club, who were hostesses on this occasion at the very delightful afternoon tea, which was served in the hospital parlour. Mrs. Carl Jarrett, president of the Club, presided over the very attractive tea table, which was adorned with a beautiful bowl of daffodils. Members of the Club ascsisted in serving. Visitors were shown round the hospital and were particularly interested in the new children's ward, which has been furnished by the Rotary Club. It is a very charming room with pale green walls and charming flowered drapes on the windows in a pretty shade of pink which goes nicely with the pale green of the walls. The white cots and bedside tables in white and dainty frilly cushions are on the beds. A room any little child would love to be in. It has such a restful atmosphere that no child could fail to get well in such charming surroundings. The kitchen also came in for some complimentary remarks, as it has recently been remodelled. The very up-to-date closed stove sent from Great Britain has been installed and is very attractive as well as exceedingly useful. Many other features make it the ideal stove for hospital use. There are new cupboards, sinks and draining boards, refrigerator and many other things that make the room a delight to work in. A new tiled floor is another attractive feature about the kitchen. The operating room, maternity rooms, and wards were all seen by the visitors who spoke most highly of the many things which have been added to the hospital from time to time for the comfort of the patients, Prince County has every reason to be proud of its hospital. The Ladies Aid of the hospital has for many years taken care of the linens and many other things about the institutions. From time to time the various womens organizations in the country as well as individuals give donations to the hospital, which goes to show they appreciate what a blessing it is to have such an institution in our midst.—S.

—RED CROSS SUPPER in King George Hall, Kensington, Thursday, May 14th. 5-11-21.

—J. E. WRIGHT, INSPECTOR OF POLICE ADDRESSES A. R. P. WORKERS — On Monday evening Mr. J. E. Wright, Inspector of R.C.M.P. in the Province addressed a very large gathering of A.R.P. workers in the Town Hall, Summerside. He expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering all eager for knowledge as to what to do in the event of a blackout. He emphasized the fact that A.R.P. wardens are not policemen, but should be counsellers and friends of the people in their district, ready to direct and advise. They should instruct householders in their duty in case of a raid. Many matters were gone into and further instructions will be received shortly. Major T. H. E. Inman, controller of Police for Summerside A.R.P. was present and introduced the speaker. Mr. Hubley moved a vote of thanks to Inspector Wright for his very instructive talk.—S.

Personals

—Miss Fern Dysant is a patient in the Prince County Hospital for a tonsil operation.—S.

—Mrs. B. W. Robinson who has been spending the winter months in Montreal has returned to her home in S'Side.—S.

—Lieut. Leaman Caseley arrived from Debert, N. S., on Saturday to spend the weekend with his wife and family in Kelvin. Lieut. Caseley spent the winter in Vancouver, B.C.

—Captain and Mrs. L. M. Callbeck were recent visitors to Kelvin. Capt. Callbeck has been transferred to Charlottetown from Halifax, N. S., where he has spent the past two years.

—Alfred Stavert of the R. C. A. F. is spending sometime with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stavert, while recuperating from a recent operation. Mr. Stavert has been stationed in Regina, Sask.

Ministerial Calls

The following items appear in the last issue of the United Churchman:

Bedeque Pastoral Charge in Prince Edward Island Presbytery has extended a call to Rev. J. M. Baxter, B.D., of Nappan, N. S., to succeed Rev. R. W. Barker, M.A., S.T.B., who has accepted a call to Wesley United Church, Yarmouth.

Rev. D. J. Morrison, of Hampton, P.E.I., has received a call to Breadalbane United Church to succeed Rev. E. Milley, B.A., who moved to Florenceville, N. B.

Rev. Roy E Vessey, of Jerusalem, N. B., has been called to Hampton, P.E.I.

The St. Peter's Bay Charge, P. E. I., has extended a call to Rev. W. A. Paterson, M.A., B.D., of Elmsdale, P.E.I.

A a service in Centenary-Queen Square United Church, Saint John Rev. Arthur Organ announced that he had received an invitation to become Associate Minister of Trinity United Church, Bloor Street, Toronto, one of the leading United Churches of the Dominion, and that he would tender his resignation to The Presbytery of Saint John on May 12, terminating his five years in Saint John on June 30.

(Rev. Mr. Organ was formerly pastor at Bedeque, P. E. I.)

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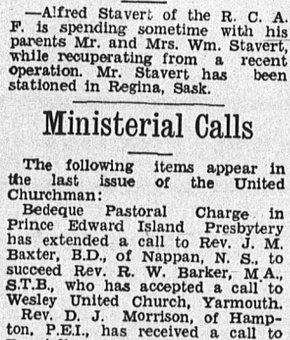

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Fine Tribute To

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I repeat—Bob and I are friends—great friends.

Leisure Moments

It is here necessary to show you how the kid enjoys his leisure moments. Visualize any quay in Canada and give it an Egyptian name—say MAHMOUDIEH. See many tanks on it sent back from Tobruk—crocked in varying degree. The ditch is roughly 250 feet away and 50 feet deep. Bob MacMillan walking along the quay spots the tanks, walks around them, sniffs them—and then grins like a Cheshire cat—he spots his fancy! He boards her and then invites a famous English jockey—TOMMY Weston — Derby winner, etc. aboard. Bob starts the thing up—it groans and screams as if in protest of its wounds. The damned thing does go, and clears the quay of officers. Does Bob know it has brakes or if it can steer? He does not! So the things tears away with the jockey whipping its sides as if aboard a horse. Bob has no cap on—his curls become a tousled mop, and his grin is now diabolical. By the mercy of God, the kid had spotted a winner! The tank did all Bob asked of it, but with protesting groans. Folks, your son did not make a hole in the 50 foot ditch!

And so, this boy favored of God, found himself bound to Tobruk—and award one—To Tobruk as Sub Lieut. doing 1st. Lieut.'s duties on "Skudd III"—a whaler of the stream trawler class, captained by a man of long sea experience. At this time Bob had a violent attack of "GYPPY TUMMY"— a form of dysentry, which quickly reduces one to a low physical state. Thus, your son, Bob found himself as weak as a kitten when a cloud of Stukas dive-bombed at the rate of 300 miles an hour on the poor Skudd III—at this moment Bob's captain, quit and your son had to fight. Folks he fought like a wild cat and brought five Stukas down, but was allowed only three on account of a doubt through cross fire.

Placed In Command

As a result of this action Bob was given command of the ship.

The highest naval and military authorities of Tobruk sent a glowing report to the C.I.C. (Commander in Chief Admiral Cunningham) naval and military authorities of Tobruk sent a glowing report to the C.I.C. of the very gallant fight of "Skudd III" against very long odds—all this is without a word of exaggeration—otherwise, rather!

MAHMOUDIEH Quay again—Bob and I walking up and down. Says Bob: "Mac I'm going to buy a cinema camera for 15 quid." I replied, "save your money! Anyhow, Bob MacMillan, where the hell did you get 15 quid from?" "Well, you know, Mac, I thought of sending the folks some presents and saved up to that end, but thought they would like the snaps better."—He bought the camera!

Saved Most of Crew

Tobruk again and his ship on Jerry's black list. Again a cloud of bombers attacked and again Bob fought back like a tiger cat, but kept his eye on the main chance—a snap for his folks—the silly ass was lazing away with all guns and snapping the bombers in their dive when he got his knock-out blow by a bomb which lifted his ship out of the water and set her on fire fore and aft, and blew the kid's 15 quid camera skittery dickery into the sea. Again he was recommended by the same authorities for his gallantry in action, and saving most of the crew from his stricken ship—now a furnace. His crew sent in a report of his gallantry a thing which officially, is frowned on, but in Bob's case was allowed. And so, folks—award two for a very gallant action by a very gallant gentleman—your son—Bob MacMillan.

The quay again—we two are strolling up and down—Bob says: "Hell Mac, I lost my camera and the snaps for the folks." "You did so" I replied, "You darned, ungrateful swine," I continued, "You ought to have gone down on your benders and thanked your Maker that you came out of that inferno alive!"

"Um, Mac, and maybe I did that too!" he admitted.

There folks, is Bob MacMillan as I know him and you don't know him—hence this letter. Please do not mention this note to Bob, or he and I are in for an argument with I on the losing end for taking this liberty. Dear folks, Bob is a credit to you both who gave him birth, a credit to his name, his city, his country! All Canadian kids out here are so good—all of them! That is all!

P. E. I. Hospital

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This gift was donated by Miss Anna Mair, R. N., Superintendent of the Hospital, and was presented by Lieutenant Governor LePage.

The Florence Nightingale pledge was given to the graduates by Rev. A. LeDrew Gardner.

At the request of the Graduating Class the usual presentation of bouquets to its members was dispensed with this year. This patriotic gesture on the part of the nurses is a highly commendable one.

The Program

The chairman for the evening was Mr. S. A. McLeod and a high class program was presented by some of Charlottetown's most talented artists. It included the following numbers "Drink to me only with thine eyes," and "They Met on the Twig of a Chestnut Tree"—Clarence Robinson, by Miss Margaret Sterns, Miss Doris Tait, Miss Pearle Burns and Mrs. N. D. MacLean; a contralto solo—"The Little Damozel"—Ivor Novello, by Miss Pearle Burns; "The Lord's Prayer," by Mrs. Frances Holl-Trainor; piano solos, "Pastorale"—Scarlatti, and "Etude in A Major"—Poldini, by Miss Mary Belhaut; soprano solos, "Clorinda," —Orlando Morgan, and "All Through the Night," by Miss Margaret Sterns; soprano solo, "May Morning," by Mrs. Frances Holl-Trainor; a vocal duet, "I know a bank,"—Horne by Miss Sterns and Miss Burns; accompanists were Miss Lillian MacKenzie and Mrs. G. Elliott Full.

Prior to the presentation of the diplomas, Lieutenant Governor LePage complimented the nurses on their achievement and wished them every success in their chosen profession. He also paid tribute to the medical and nursing staff of the Hospital, who instructed the graduates. His Honour also referred to the wonderful service being rendered by Graduate Nurses who have enlisted for active duty.

As each nurse received her diploma, the class pin was presented to her by Miss Mair.

Following the Graduation Exercises the graduates were taken in waiting cars to the Cundall Home where a reception was given in their honour.

Following is the text of Dr Creelman's address:—

"Three weeks ago, on sitting down to prepare this talk, while waiting for an inspiration, I spied on a shelf a book, the title of which was "A Survey of Nursing Education in Canada". Here, then, I knew were the answers to the many problems that interest the nursing profession. The volume, of about 600 pages, was prepared by Professor George Weir, head of the Department of Education for the University of British Columbia after studying for two years the education and practice of nursing across Canada. The profession and the public have derived much benefit already as a result of this work and it shall remain as a milestone in the history of nursing in this country. For any who wish to have a comprehensive understanding of Nursing in Canada, I recommend this book as I am not even making a summary at present.

"To you, members of the graduating class, I consider this day a milestone in your lives. It shall always stand out, if not above all others, at least very prominently among those that are going to mark the years through life.

"Then, on reflection, why should I consider your graduation day in this manner? Does this day mark a completion of your education and an end to drudgery and menial jobs? Does it mean that no more in silence must you submit to sharp and perhaps sarcastic orders and remarks from your teachers and head nurses? Not so, but rather, you have just reached another rung on the ladder of your education. Drudgery and menial jobs shall be your lot on many occasions. And criticism! life is full of it and not always constructive either.

"To the average one of you, life will prove a steady hard grind. Each day will bring it's problems to be solved and there shall be no glorious day of graduation to which you may look forward. Why, then, all this celebration? Tomorrow you will carry on the work you left today, with this difference, we hope, of an increase in pay. However, it is one day in your lives and one of the few when your parents, your teachers, and your friends stop for a brief period and consider what you have accomplished and congratulate you in your progress so far.

"We, in this community, have interest and pride in the Hospital from which you are graduating and likewise, we have an interest in you and wish you every success in your chosen profession. Your choice has been well made and, although the profession of nursing in it's present status is comparatively young, it is one which is most particularly applicable for women. it is one which is vitally important to our social order, it is one which provides great opportunities of service to humanity, and it is one which offers many varied opportunities to each of you personally through it's many branches of activities.

Gave Foundation

"It is of interest to recollect that it was a war which gave nursing it's modern foundation and that it was due to the efforts of a woman, through her great love of humanity, her heroic spirit and devotion to duty, that nursing was recognized as an important part of the fighting equipment of war, and of peace. So, with the prestige and experience gained in the Crimean War, Florence Nightingale began and carried through a great Crusade for the profession.

"The public and even some members of the nursing profession itself have not fully realized the great contribution made to our social order by the work of this professional group. A sudden shortage of nursing service is needed before the value of such service is fully appreciated. Therefore, out of this war, new fields of endeavour will emerge as out of the Crimean War the Florence Nightingale Service of Nursing emerged and as out of the World War No. 1 Public Health Nursing emerged.

"Here I shall briefly review some of the various activities in the fields of nursing and some problems and responsibilities of present day nurses to the public. For a more detailed knowledge I can refer you to Dr. Weir's Survey already mentioned.

"First, I shall discuss some of the activities of nursing for civilian needs.

"The private duty nurse is playing a smaller role today than formerly and most likely will continue to do so in the future. A change in the economic status of the population and the tendency to increase the hospitalization of the sick have been responsible. This change, however, does not mean a loss of service to the sick but rather that a more equable distribution of this service will be established through group nursing.

"The institutional nurse has a wide variation of work from specialization to administration and teaching.

"The Public Health Nurse has included in her program that of being a teacher, a social service worker and an administrator.

"The industrial nurse has largely the field of preventive medicine but, along with it, are the care of illnesses and injuries. Through these various branches of the profession there is unlimited scope for advancement, for success, and for service to humanity at present, and in that new order of the united nations and the geographic field of opportunity will be from the far north to the sunny south, and from this continent to India and China, and yes, all parts of the earth inhabited by mankind.

"The service with the Armed Forces, undoubtedly, has priority rights to the best of our nurses, and gallantly they have offered their services. The work of these nurses is institutional and, of course preventive medicine is carried on extensively to keep men and women fit.

"There is that something about service in the Armed Forces which is more alluring than service at home. But those of you who are remaining should not belittle your work because, in the present day of total warfare, the health of the civilian population is just as important as is that of the armed forces.

"Every day of sickness that has been lessened and every day of sickness that has been prevented mean more war saving certificates and more hours of work for ultimate victory in this titanic struggle.

Valuable Contribution

"It makes no difference whether the individual who has been saved a day's sickness through efficient nursing is serving in the kitchen of a hospital or in a factory. The saving represents a contribution to our total war effort because loss in time and money through sickness is one of our greatest problems. In the last war two infectious diseases among the troops of the American army were responsible for the equivalent of a year's absence from duty of 19,000 men.

"Your job and my job in the nursing and medical professions, concerning the control of illness, can be a tremendous factor in the winning of this war and it is not necessary for us to be in uniform to do it. Again, as has happened in so many places, it may be that in this province we shall be caring for war casualities. So far my remarks have dealt with the active members of the profession but inactive members must not be forgotten because there is a great possibility and probability that all those who are able to serve in a professional way will have the opportunity of doing so. If that day comes and you are not prepared to help, it will be regretable. No one should adopt the attitude or even use the phrase "it will not happen here." That attitude of the past is responsible for our present predicament. Complete preparation for any and every eventuality must be our objective.

"If your services can save or prevent one day of illness, you have made a contribution. It may so happen that, in order to keep our present institutions operating at the present standard of efficiency, yes, and even at a lower standard, many inactive nurses will have to come forward and help.

"In many parts of Canada, refresher courses have been arranged for inactive members. It is hoped that such can be provided in this province.

"In this charge to you, I am not unmindful of those who have already offered and are preparing themselves, but I feel that all who can should be ready.

"Again in my final words to the graduating class, I do not wish to sound disparaging but facts are facts. You are stepping into a world which is rapidly changing, which, in a few years and maybe a few months, will be vastly different from that of your fathers or of your own early lives. We who are responsible for the present day troubles cannot make any reassuring promises. The heritage which our forefathers carved from the forest primeval in 'blood, sweat and tears' and passed on to us, we accepted as our God given right and not as in trust for you and yours, and not until the very fear of losing entirely our way of life and our very country itself, do we begin to appreciate the responsibilities that were ours in order that our freedom and your freedom would be maintained.

"And now you are elected to share a like responsibility and join the struggle in saving your freedom and regaining freedom for millions of others."

Valedictory

Following is the text of the Valedictory read by Miss Melva Lund, Bethel.

Your Honor, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Medical and Nursing Staffs, Classmates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Three years have passed, three stepping stones to the life of humane service for which we have striven. When our training began, three years semeed a long, long time, but now its eems all too short, for in this happy period we have formed many pleasant bonds which we are sorry to sever.

From the last stepping stone we diverge each to her own destiny for it is not hard to prophesy that the next few years will find our class scattered far and wide both at home and abroad. In the beginning most of us were not quite clear as to our reasons for choosing the nursing profession as a career, except as a means of livelihood, a quest for knowledge, and a definite desire to be a nurse, whatever that might entail; now that our training period is ended and we have had an insight into the life of a nurse, the type of service, the dependence of the public upon us, and the feeling of achievement and usefulness that the rendering of these services gives us, I feel that our motives are at last clear and concrete.

To do something useful to mankind is to have achieved ambition.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and regret that I take this opportunity of rendering tribute to our teachers who with patience, perseverance and forbearance have moulded this graduating class into being—gratitude that we have had the privilege of such capable and experienced instructors and regret that we may no longer partake of their advice and guidance.

To you, the members of the Medical Staff it is not easy to convey a fitting conception of our indebtedness but suffice it to say we will endeavor to uphold the high standards of your teachings and never cease to seek and acquire new knowledge.

To our Superintendent and Supervisors may we express our appreciation for the thoroughness and practicality of your training. To our House Mother who has always been ready to assist us in all our endeavors, may we in parting express our gratitude for your careful guidance and sympathetic understanding. May I add that in our association here you have all set an example that we will do well to emulate.

To you Undergraduates, whose brief friendship we have enjoyed, may we wish good fortune and good health and may you do credit to yourselves and to the institution.

Fellow classmates—we do not say we have come to the end of the trail or to the parting of the ways. There is no end to the road of knowledge and we must go forward together to give the world of our best, seeking the satisfaction of work well done. We shall carry with us many pleasant memories of these days so rich in work and friendship. The world that lies before us is in turmoil. May we be as ready to serve where needed, either in the endeavors of war or peace as others of our calling have in the past, glorified our profession. A Lady With A Lamp shall stand in the great history of the land, a noble type of good heroic womanhood.

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An outstanding gift, of $1,515 to help girls and boys in their home land. They had escaped bombs themselves and wanted to help. At the day's close they had a total of $33 in their boxes.

The tag day was the third in a series of four events being sponsored by the Army and Navy Veterans No. 227, in aid of the Queen's Canadian Fund. And, as for the two previous events, the expenses of the tag day were underwritten by the organization, without one cent being deducted from the proceeds given by the public.

Total of the three events was $1,790 putting the organization in top place as fund contributor in London, with the sum of $4,950.

The Queen's Canadian Fund operates in all parts of the United Kingdom through the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund.
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MINISTER

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tralia and New Zealand participate.

He described the United Nations air conference which will meet here next week as the most important conference to meet in Canada since the Imperial economic conference of 1932 and the most important conference of the anti-Axis nations since the start of the war.

Here are some of the facts the Minister revealed to an interested House:

The strength of the Royal Canadian Air Force is more than 115,000 exclusive of women and attached Australian, New Zealand and British personnel;

In output of aircrew the Canadian training schools have exceeded their objective by 25 per cent;

A $42,000,000 program of building home defence airdromes on the east and west coast is under way;

Apart from that no large airdrome construction is contemplated this year;

More specialized training is to be given in the training plan schools and instead of three aircrew types of specialists 10 will be produced;

Elementary flying training schools under civilian auspices are more satisfactory than under air force auspices;

Graduates of the air training plan are flying and fighting wherever the Royal Air Force operates;

One squadron of Canadians operates in the Far East and two squadrons in the near east;

The Minister believes all aircrew personnel should be commissioned officers and proposes to take that question up at the United Nations air conference;

The capacity of civilian-operated air observer schools will be doubled;

The Canadian Pacific Railway, a subsidiary of which operates a number of these schools, has agreed to turn back to the crown all accumulated reserves and profits.

Pleads For "Truce"

In a brief reference to controversy in Parliament over the question of overseas conscription the Minister suggested "a truce to our internal dissensions" during the time representatives of the Allied Nations are in Ottawa for the air conference.

The country was divided on methods of waging war. There was no controversy on the question of the war itself and no differences of opinion on air war.

The Minister said representatives of the United Kingdom, United States, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Southern Rhodesia, China, Norway, Poland, Belgium, Czecho-Slovakia, Yugoslavia, Greece and the Netherlands will attend. Soviet Russia has been invited but has not yet accepted the invitation.

Under High Sponsorship

"The conference meets under the high sponsorship of Roosevelt, Churchill and our own Prime Minister," said Mr. Power.

"It meets here because—and I say it advisedly and without either false modesty or vain boasting—Canada, of all the nations now engaged in fighting this war, has made the greatest progress in training men to conquer the air and to wrest the supremacy of the air from our enemies.

"These delegates come here to observe what has been done, to note the methods followed, and to consult with us as to the means to be taken to endeavor to co-ordinate our efforts and those of our commonwealth partners into a worldwide United Nations program."

Mr. Power described the manpower situation of the Air Force as "easy". A year ago, he said, he saw recruits available for six months in the future but feared a diminution of the supply later. Today he was glad to be able to say he could still see six months ahead.

Average Intake 4,000

Last July at the peak of recruiting the blue-clad force took on more than 8,000 men. Now the average monthly intake is about 4,000. With most of the ground crew now on hand to man Canadian airdromes and a considerable proportion of those needed for overseas squadrons in the service the enlistment of ground crew men will slacken off. Soon no ground crew men will be recruited from the men called up into army training centres from which the Air Force has drawn 4,000 recruits to date, about one-quarter of these for aircrews.

As prospects for aircrew recruits in the future the Minister said there now are 1,300 men undergoing pre-enlistment training under the war emergency training program. This brings them up to the required standard of education.

There are also many men in the Air Force as ground crew who either have or can be given the necessary educational standards. These can be remustered. The Canadian Legion educational services is looking after the training of those who require to be brought up to matriculation standard.

In the air cadet movement and the air training courses given at universities the Minister saw other sources of future recruits.

The Minister said estimated share of the Air Force in the war appropriation bill is $625,462,892 but as much as $300,000,000 more might be required in this fiscal year, depending on deliveries of equipment.

A few of his detailed estimates reflect the expansion of the force. For instance rations which last year cost $5,000,000 will cost $16,000,000 this year and gas and oil which cost $9,000,000 last year will cost $20,000,000 this year.

A year ago Canada would have been helpless in a situation such as the present. Now there were large numbers of trained pilots, more aircraft but not enough, and "our construction development of defensive airdromes has progressed to a much greater degree."

"The joint air training plan now has achieved twice its objective and aircrews are being turned out in such numbers that not only are the immediate needs being met but we can absorb a surplus in our home war establishment," said the Minister.

What a Life!

To perspire is not a sin;
We all must do it, fat or thin.
But we can be careful and discreet,
And not *offend the folks* we meet.

Bath tonight with LIFEBUOY
FROM HEAD TO TOE —IT STOPS B.O.

BIG CUT IN

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ada but nothing final can be done until the complete range of the gasoline picture is available.)

There was no indication here as to how the rationing reorganization might be carried out. Some sources said that motorists in categories D, C, BX and B would be reduced to the categories immediately below, with categories E (commercial) and A being unaffected. Others said the change would involve a reduction of the five gallons now sold for each ration coupon.

A 60 per cent reduction in the amount of gasoline and light fuel available to distributors from the big Imperial Oil refinery at nearby Imperoyal was announced today without previous warning by A. G. Demont, Imperial Oil's general sales manager for Eastern Canada. The reduction went into effect immediately.

Mr. Demont, explaining that the reduction was made necessary by the tanker shortage in the Atlantic and the increasing demands of the armed services for gasoline and fuel oil, said actually only 20 per cent of the amount normally distributed would be available for ordinary motorists. Gasoline and fuel oil necessary for fisheries, industrial and commercial users might be taken first from the 40 per cent being distributed, he explained.

The reduction percentage, he said, was based on the amount distributed at this time last year.

Another Imperial Oil official, noting that Mr. Demont's statement said the reduction would be in force for the remainder of the month, said there might be a change in the figure at the end of the month but he was unable to say whether it would be up or down.

The Imperoyal refinery, largest in the Maritimes, supplies the majority of service stations in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and company officials said the reduction affected the entire area.

Mr. Demont's statement said that representatives of all oil companies operating in Nova Scotia met here yesterday "to endeavor to equitably allocate the various oil companies involved the amount of gasoline and other petroleum products available at Halifax for the balance of May."

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Naval Statement

The statement issued today by naval services on behalf of Mr. Macdonald said:

"The Minister for Naval Services announces that the first enemy submarine attack upon shipping in the St. Lawrence River took place on May 11 when a freighter was sunk. Forty-one survivors have been landed from this vessel.

"The situation regarding shipping in the river is being closely watched and long-prepared plans for its special protection under these circumstances are in operation.

"Any possible future sinkings in this area will not be made public in order that information of value to the enemy may be withheld from him.

"It is felt, however, that the Canadian public should be informed of the presence of enemy U-boats in Canadian territorial waters and they are assured that every step is being taken to grapple with the situation.

"There is nothing further to report from other sectors."

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