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Says Confederation Life business Biggest since '31

"Reflecting industrial activity throughout Canada, the new business of Confederation Life Association in 1940 was the greatest since 1931," said C.D. Devlin, assistant general manager, Toronto. Mr. Devlin was here yesterday to attend a conference of Confederation Life representatives today at the Charlottetown Hotel, accompanied by P. Sewell Roberts, superintendent of agencies, A. E. Wall, inspector of field service.

"Not only is new business up, but our business in force showed the greatest increase in ten years, with the single exception of 1935, when we took over the old Capital Life. This means that people are holding fast to their life insurance in these anxious days, for in wartime, more than ever, people recognize the value of security," explained Mr. Devlin. It was to the advantage of policy owners to retain their old policies, since they were free of restrictions as to military service and travel, he said.

His company in 1940 had paid out $638,000 more in death claims than in 1939, but only $70,000 of this increase was due to war deaths. Had casualties in this war been on the 1915 scale, the added war claims would have reached $500,000, stated Mr. Devlin.

Notwithstanding nightly bombings and the constant threat of invasion, the company's U. K. business had held up amazingly well. "In spite of war difficulties, our sales in Great Britain were 85 per cent of the 1939 figure, a magnificent achievement. Surely this is a tribute to the capacity of the British to carry on, he stated.

Red Cross Standing Committees For 1941

At a meeting of the Executive of the Prince Edward Island Division, The Canadian Red Cross Society, held at the office on Friday, February 14th, it was decided to open the new headquarters as soon as ready with a tea and reception.

Mrs. J. M. McFadyen, reporting for the Hospital visiting committee said that Red Cross visitors had been making regular calls on the men of the service in hospital during the last few weeks and that magazines and other comforts had been provided for them.

The following standing Committees were then appointed for 1941:

Women's War Work Committee: Mrs. E. A. Foster, Chairman, Miss Beulah Munroe, Ass't Ch., Mrs. J. J. Morris, Mrs. C. G. Duffy, Mrs. A. B. Cosh, Mrs. W. H. V. Dunbar, Miss Mary Macdonald, W. I.

Ways and Means Committee: Mrs. J. A. MacMillan, Mrs. H. E. Miller, Mrs. A. E. Baker, Mrs. Leigh Wright.

Hospital Visiting Committee: Mrs. J. M. McFadyen, Mrs. C. G. Duffy.

Transportation Committee: Mr. W. J. Brawders. Mrs. J. H. McQuaid.

Junior Red Cross and Handicapped Children's Committee: Mr. R. K. Rogers, Dr. H. D. Johnson, Dr. A. J. Murchison, Mr. William Moran.

Campaign Committee: Mr. Geo. J. Tweedy, Mr. A. B. Fisher, Mr. G. F. Hutcheson, Mr. D. A. MacKinnon, Mr. D. J. Bonnell

Disaster Relief Committee: Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Mr. George J. Tweedy.

BIRTHS

SMITH—At the Halifax Infirmary, Halifax, N. S., on February 16th, 1941, to Major W. A. Smith and Mrs. Smith, a son.

DEATHS

BRADLEY — At her residence, No. 194 Grafton Street, City, February, 18, 1941, Mrs. John P. Bradley, aged 55 years. The funeral will be held on Thursday morning at 6.15 a. m. to St. Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem Mass will be celebrated. The remains will then be transferred to North Wiltshire and from there by road to Kelly's Cross Interment in Church Cemetery.

Card Of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Herrell, St. Patrick's, Lot 22, wish to thank their many friends for their kindness and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of Mr. Herrell's brother James. Also those who sent Mass Cards and Spiritual Bouquets.

Card Of Thanks

The bereaved members of the family of the late Father Fay desire to extend their sincere thanks to all who sent Mass Cards, Spiritual Bouquets, Letters of Sympathy and Wreaths and to all others who in any way aided him during his illness and them during their bereavement.

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LOST—One Saskatchewan robe. Finder please phone 584. L-73.

ISLAND LADY PASSES —Mrs. Byron Bowness of this city, Monday received word of the death of Mrs. D. M. Johnstone, formerly of Long River, which occurred at Calgary, Alta., on Feb. 14. The deceased was well known here.

FUNERAL NOTICE — The remains of Miss Eileen O'Neill, who died at Killam, Alberta, on Feb. 11, arrived in the city last evening and are resting at the home of her mother, 100 Dorchester St., from where the funeral will be held on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock to St. Dunstan's Basilica thence to R. C. Cemetery for interment.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of Miss Evelyn Burnett was held yesterday afternoon from her late residence 24 Upper Hillsboro Street where service was held by the Rev. Dr. J. Keir Fraser who also conducted service at the grave. The pallbearers were: Messrs. J. M. Hunter, C.M. Shannon, R. Rhynes, R. R. Hurst, Frank Walker and W. C. S. McLure. Interment People's Cemetery.

YORK AND VICINITY — Miss Helen J. MacDonald, York, paid a business visit to the city yesterday. —The condition of Mrs. John Lamphier, Pleasant Grove shows no improvement.—Mr. Hubert Morrison, Pleasant Grove, has been accepted for service in the air force. —Mr. Peter Proud, York, radio operator, has been on duty in England for some time.—Miss Lillian D. Crockett has returned to her home at York after a pleasant and extended visit to Mt. Edward Road. —A colony of 17 finished hogs can be seen at the farm of Vesey Bros. York. They were fed from products of their farm except for a few bags of oil meal.—His many friends at York are pleased to learn that Mayor Holman has been asked by the Mayor of New York to accompany him to the conference at St. Louis.

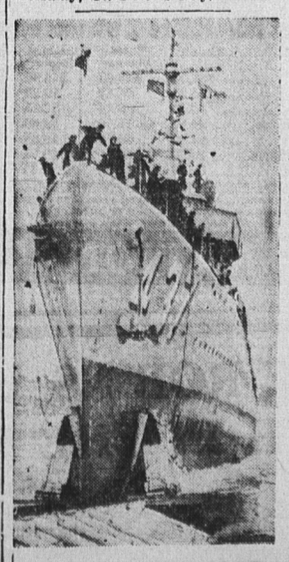
SALVATION ARMY MEETING— The special feature of last evening's service in the evangelistic campaign being held at the Salvation Army Citadel, was the part played by the women of the Home League. Members of that branch took part in the service and contributed an appropriate selection. The subject for the evening was, 'On the River Bank", the text being taken from Jesus' words, in John 7:37—37, "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth in me, out of him shall flow rivers of living water." Adjutant Hawkes referred to the rivers of spiritual influence emanating from the lives of followers of Jesus Christ. Much interest is being aroused by the special arrangement of the hall for these meetings which add a realistic touch to the services. Tonight the subject will be "In the Garden."

GYROS HEAR ADDRESS— Mr. J. O. Hyndman, a member of the Canadian Council of Save the Children Fund delivered an interesting and informative address on the activities of that organization at the regular meeting of the Gyro Club in the Charlottetown Hotel Monday night. He explained that it was organized in 1918, during the last Great War, by a woman named Egaltine Zebb. In 1919 the Canadian Council was formed. Since its inception many members have contributed $25 toward the adoption of a child. The speaker pointed out that it is an entirely voluntary organization operating in more than 30 countries prior to the war and by its efforts more than 2,500,000 pounds have been expended in aid of children. Today the organization is concentrating on aid to children in the British Isles. Mr. Hyndman will gladly furnish further particulars to all interested in the work. A police court "skit" by J. Richards and Tom Davies was greatly enjoyed. O. K. Presby was chairman.

Personals

The many friends of Mr. John Howatt will regret to learn of his very serious illness at the home of his son, Mr. B. L. Howatt, East Royalty.

Miss Florence McAulay left yesterday on return to New York after visiting her mother, Mrs. E McAulay, St. Peter's Bay.



NEWEST U. S. DESTROYER
Down the ways at Bath, Me., goes the new destroyer U. S. S. Woolsey. The vessel was named for Commodore Menlancthon B. Woolsey, commander of Pensacola navy yard in 1874. H's niece, Mrs. Irving Spencer of Kentucky, was the sponsor.

Too Late To Clasify

LOST — ONE SASKATCHEWAN robe. Finder please phone 584. L-72-2-19-31.

CAN SPARE A FEW MATINGS from good white faced platinum type males. McNeill Strain. Signed Arthur Mutch, Box 294, Charlottetown. L-71-2-19-21-24-26-28-2-3.

Brothers In The Services

Two Charlottetown boys at present serving in His Majesty's forces. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Arsenault, Fitzroy St., City. Pictured from left to right is Bugler Theodore at present stationed in Charlottetown while on the right is Private Leonard of the Princess Louise Fusiliers at North Sydney.

Will double Food parcels To prisoners

The parcels of food for British prisoners of war in Germany which the Canadian Red Cross is shipping overseas, will soon be increased from 10,000 a week to 20,000. The British Red Cross has requested the Society in Canada to double its shipments, Dr. Fred W. Routley, National Commissioner, announced today. To accomplish this, the Red Cross in Montreal is preparing to pack 10,000 parcels a week to keep pace with Toronto's figure. The first allotment of 8,000 food parcels, despatched last month, has reached Lisbon safely according to a cable received from Colonel Iselin, International Red Cross representative there. These will be forwarded immediately to Geneva via Marseilles for distribution in German prison camps. The number of parcels packed in Toronto to date now totals 48,000 and this figure is being increased at a rate of 2,000 a day.

A sample of one of these prisoners of war packages is on display in Moore & MacLeod's window.

Formulate plans To call up 75,000 men

OTTAWA, Feb. 18—(CP)—Proposed changes in regulations and procedure, affecting approximately 75,000 single men to be called up this year under the four-months' compulsory military training plan, were formulated tonight for immediate submission to the Government.

For two days chairmen, members and registrars of the Dominion's 15 administrative divisions, set up under the Department of National War Services last fall, have been revising the machinery necessitated by the recent abandonment of the 30-day training period.

Tomorrow the result of their effort will be placed before Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of National War Services. The recommendations will then go to the war cabinet and following official approval a proclomation will be issued calling out the men required for the first group of about 6,000 recruits. They will be called to training camp late in March.

Registrars attending included: Col. J. P. Hooper, Charlottetown.

Britain, Mexico May renew Relations soon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 —(AP) —Britain and Mexico may soon open negotiations, informed sources said today, to repair a break in diplomatic relations which resulted three years ago from the Mexican expropriation of British, United States and Netherlands oil properties.

An impending agreement on major difficulties existing between the United States and Mexico was said to have led to informal conversations looking to settlement of the British-Mexican dispute.

Formal talks were understood to be waiting outcome of the present United States-Mexican negotiations, with particular reference to settlement of the oil question.

A LOVELY SCENT.

If you like your hair to have a delicate perfume, and most of us do, spray your hair with perfume while it is still wet from the shampoo. A delicate scent will stay in the hair until the next washing.

Use your glass flower block in the centre of your salad bowl; makes small salads look like big ones, and the moisture runs through leaving the lettuce crisp and dry. Put a tablespoon of vinegar into that burnt saucepan, fill it up with cold water, and boil for a good five minutes; the burnt bits come off, and the saucepan won't burn again so easily. Put a pie dish bearing a fruit pie into a shallow pan of water nto the oven, and any overflowing juice runs into the water instead of on the oven helf. Run a sloping tack thread down "his" ties before you wash them and they won't get twisted linings when you come to the ironing part.

If you rub the soap on to floors dry you save soap and also save elbow grease on the scrubbing. Don't waste metal by buying new curtain rings; boil the old discolored ones in vinegar and a little water and then polish with a dry cloth—they'll shine. That pair of black kid gloves or shoes that have lost their blackness can be treated by rubbing over one part of sweet oil to two parts of black waterproof ink. Leave on for a day before polishing.

NEWSY NATURE NOTES

By Stuart L. Thompson

WINTER SURPRISES IN THE OUTDOORS

Nature's world is an orderly one. Things do not happen haphazard. And yet occasionally those who ramble outdoors have surprises. Even trained naturalists are sometimes at a loss to explain some unexpected turn of events. Few of Nature's creatures are as well-timed in their travels as our birds. But how can we explain the presence of a "strictly summer" resident in our locality in mid-winter as many times I have seen?

One wild January day, while crossing a field in a driving blizzard, I had come closer to the farmhouse than I expected, and there clinging to the vines which draped the verandah I saw a forlorn flicker—one of our Summer Woodpeckers. He was making a meal off the frozen berries still on the vines, and appeared to be having a tough time of it. He looked thoroughly out of place; and so he should, for his right place was in the Southern States in January.

Again, on one of our Christmas Day census outings, we found lying dead on the frozen sand of a bleak wind-swept beach, a clean, apparently healthy, Savanna Sparrow. This little bird is one of the musicians of our summer meadows. His lisping note is always associated with the sizzling heat of a shadeless pastureland. Even after September he is seldom seen. But by what strange change a Savanna Sparrow should remain here until late in December is difficult to say.

Several years later on the same beach, on December 31st, a Red-backed Sand-piper was found wading about in perfect health in a small stream which remained unfrozen. His companions left for the south in October, yet he e he was a solitary unique sight. In fact, he even provided us with some amusement as he slipped and sprawled in attempting to cross the smooth areas of ice formed at the edge of the stream. A sandpiper, on ice of all things.

The sparrow family being seed-eaters, are often met with in winter, but even some of these are highly migratory. The White-throated Sparrow is a bird of the thickets, and the Swamp Sparrow's summer home is the watery marsh overgrown with lush reeds. Yet, once to my surprise I found a fine male White-throat in good spirits in a snow-laden brush pile in January, and in a frozen marsh, covered with uninviting dead reeds bowed down in deep snow, was a healthy Swamp Sparrow chirping his loudest. In fact, it was his out-of-season note which attracted and puzzled me and his presence on that occasion still does.

On another occasion a friend and I were quite perplexed to find the light snow, which covered the ice of a marsh, criss-crossed with the tracks of a chicken-like bird as it had walked about. We might never have solved the riddle had we not walked boldly in among the reeds and scared out a full-grown coot. Here is a bird which would rather swim than either fly or walk, yet, though apparently in good health the bird had lingered on here a full three months after its companions of the marsh had departed, existing on what, we could not say—a water-fowl that perferred snow-shoeing to swimming.

There is always a reason for things, even extraordinary things, and I doubt not that if in all these, and many other such puzzling cases, we knew all the facts, there would be really no mystery. There is such a thing as certain individuals, in any race or species, being determined to be different peculiar, or original. There are even insane individuals. Neither of these abnormal traits are unknown in the human race, might they not also exist in nature? In any case, it is such unexpected sappenings and baffling surprises that make outdoor bird study so fascinating.

SIZE OF BASES REDUCED

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 18 — (CP Cable) —Areas along the coast of Jamaica for American defence bases at St. Catherine and Manchester have been reduced from 33 1-2 square miles to seven square miles, it was reported here today. No reason was given here for the reported reduction.

AGENCY FOR ALIENS

LONDON —(CP) — A central agency, the International Labor Branch has been set up by the Ministry of Information to make the best use of the services and labor of allied and other friendly aliens in Britain.

Minstrel show Scores big hit

Bigger and better than ever the 1941 edition of the Merry Minstrel show was acclaimed by a packed house at the Holy Name Hall last night. The entire assembly consisted of over 70 local artists and each number of the 20 was thoroughly enjoyed. Many people, who did not arrive before the show started at 8.15 were unable to get a seat.

The Minstrels presented their program earlier in the afternoon to an audience of close to 1000 children. Those who did not see the show last night will have an opportunity of doing so this evening as it is repeated in the same hall.

The program had the audience in a roar of laughter from start to finish last night as the four End Men interspersed the latest songs with new and enjoyable jokes. The End Men are: William Morgan, Frank Bradley, Frank MacIntyre and Elmer Gallant. Bill Brown was the interlocutor.

The latest song hits were sung by some of Charlottetown's best young artists. Tap dancing and step dancing also featured a first class program. The Merry Minstrel 11-piece Orchestra supplied the music. It would be difficult to single out any particular person for special mention as each and every member gave a good performance.

The stage setting is worthy of special note. A large spotlight in the rear of the hall played on the ensemble during the performance and other lighting effects were also in use. Messrs. R. MacDonald and James Coady were in charge of these while Messrs. Leo Corcoran and Bernard Fleming looked after the stage.

The show was staged by the St. Dunstan's Basilica Dramatic Guild of which Rev. George MacCormac is the Moderator.

The program opened with the overture, "Land of Cotton" followed by the introduction of the End Men, who with appropriate ceremony took their places on the stage. The first song, "Rufus Rastus Johnson Brown" was sung by one of the End Men, Elmer Gallant. This was followed by "I Hear A Rhapsody" by Helen Trainor. John McQuaid was the next soloist and the title of his song was the popular, "My Buddy." (At the afternoon show this number was sung by Bill Brown in the absence of Mr. McQuaid).

"Only Forever" was the fourth number on the program and it was rendered by Miss Evelyn Arsenault. This was followed by a tap dance by Joe Morrison. Next "The Bad Humor Man" was sung by Harold Woods. A patriotic number, "We're Proud of Canada" by Charlie Chamberlain followed. Frank Bradley in "Lazy Bones" was next. A selection by the orchestra followed.

Miss Phyllis Blanchard was next heard in the song "Can't You Hear Me Callin' Caroline". The solo, "Down by the O-Hi-O", followed with Miss Kay Gallant doing the singing. Bill Morgan was next heard in "Called it Dixie Land". The next number was a tap dance by Lloyd Gallant which was followed by "Sierra Sue" by Miss Martina Chappelle. "Mandy Lee" was then sung by Frank MacIntyre and this was followed with a dance by Andrew Gallant. Jimmy Power was heard in a clever impersonation, "All Ashore". The finale by the entire assembly was "Tell the Band to Strike up Dixie."

The Merry Minstrel Orchestra consists of the following: Saxaphones, Bob McGregor and Ray Simmonds; Trumpets, Thos. McFarlane (director) and William Albert; Trombone-Concert Horn, Dr. J. T. Croteau and Frank Smith; Violins, Vernon McFarlane and Alfred McKearney; Base Drums, Emile Doiron and Fred Doyle; Piano, Austin Connolly. (At the afternoon show, Misses Shirley MacDonald and Patricia Richards were seen in dance numbers).

The ladies of St. Elizabeth Aid Society sold candy at the show.

PRIDE

(By James Maclean)

"Its pride that pulls the country down
And makes the common man a fool
Who'd vote a label or a gown
To power expecting righteous rule.

Oh, pride of party and of race,
Religion, sect, or cult or clan;
And pride of rank and pride of place
That makes a jackass of a man
In mind and to a scarecrow turns
Another with his grab so queer
Whose mind mis-shapen never learns
God's mark —the simple and sincere.

But silly schemes of silly mind,
Of foolish order, foolish plan
Of thought that's left too far behind
To catch up with their fellow man;
And women in Religion's name
Dressed in the height of fashion when
Sir William Wallace played the game
Of hide and seek with Edward's men.

What wonder then the world this hour
Is in a turmoil of dismay
When we are taught to vote to power
The backward ones and homage pay
To men be-ribboned hulking round
Like prize bulls at a country fair,
And women stalled and stanchioned, bound,
Denied the right to love and bear,

Mistaken worth of place and cult
That burdens down till lands rebel,
Whose final and whose net result
To usher in a spell of hell
When men from that would swing away
And to nother far extreme
From God and Nature's normal sway
For which we hope of which we dream.

The common man may be a fool
But after all is he the one
Who pays the price, discards the tool
The usefulness of which is done.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18 —(CP) —Uniformity of quality and description in Canadian canned lobster will be assisted by provisions of an act to amend the meats and canned foods act to be introduced at the present session by Fisheries Minister Michaud. The bill provides for inspection of canned fish and shellfish before and after canning and for examination of canning premises. Similar provisions were covered in existing legislation but particular application was desired by the lobster industry seeking extension of markets in Canada and the United States.

Use Minard's for dandruff.

Premier Campbell On The Revenue Problem & The Sirois Report

The question of Island revenues from the viewpoint of the Sirois Commission Report was the subject of an address broadcast last evening by Hon. Thane A. Campbell.

"I cannot hope in the short time at my disposal," said Premier Campbell, "to give even a comprehensive outline of the provisions of this Report. Whatever may be the ultimate fate of the Report as a whole, it clearly represents a history-making study of the financial problems affecting Dominion-Provincial relationships, and it will inevitably form a basis for any comprehensive discussion which may and must take place on these problems in the not too distant future.

"It has been charged in some quarters that the adoption of the principles of the Report would mean the loss of Provincial autonomy and the wrecking of the whole structure of Confederation. A carefull examination of the terms of the Report reveals, however, that the constitutional changes recommended by the Commission are surprisingly few in number and small in extent and that practically all the Recommendations of the Report could be carried out by voluntary agreement within the four walls of the British North America Act as it now stands.

Unemployment Relief

"One small exception to this rule is the case of unemployment relief, with respect to which the Commission recommended the transfer to the Dominion Government of full responsibility of relief for employables. Surely, however, the Provinces could not complain of loss of autonomy in this respect, as this particular recommendation originated with the Provinces themselves and was vigorously pressed upon the Commission in the course of the Provincial presentations.

"Then there is the Recommendation that the imposition of income tax, succession duties, and corporation taxes should be vested exclusively in the Dominion. This involves no real constitutional change, as the Dominion already has undoubted jurisdiction to impose any or all of the taxes concerned and the urgent necessity of Dominion Revenue from these sources might very well become so great as to diminish seriously, if not altogether preclude, Provincial revenues from the same sources. While as a province, we naturally could not afford to abandon these fields of taxation without receiving some compensating revenues, I am firmly convinced that income tax, succession duties, and corporation taxes are not suitable or proper sources of Provincial revenues. It is in many cases impossible to separate completely those portions of personal or corporation incomes which are earned in one Province from those which are really earned in another Province.

"The result is that the Provinces in which are situated the Head Offices and executive officials of large corporations are enabled to collect sub tantial revenues by taxing incomes earned through operations in the less fortunately situated Provinces. In a varying degree, the same inequality prevails with regard to the collection of succession duties. The Dominion can not only collect the e classes of taxation more cheaply and efficiently, freed from the obstacles created by Provincial boundaries but can more equitably apply the revenue derived from taxation of Canadian incomes and Canadian estates to the purposes of Canada as a whole.

Assumption of Debt

"In compensation for the loss of these sources of revenue, the Commission proposed that the existing Provincial debts, with their future debt services, should be taken over and assumed by the Dominion. In the case of this Province, that would include the cancellation of the debt of nearly a Million Dollars advanced by the Dominion to the Island in connection with the Land Purchase scheme. This would mean the fulfilment of a claim which the Province has been unsuccessfully advancing against the Dominion for a great many years.

"The Commission further recommends that the present system of Provincial subsidies be abolished and in its place there be initiated a scheme of National Adjustment Grants. These Grants are based on the suggested policy of enabling each Province to carry on its essential Provincial services on a standard not below the average standard prevailing throughout Canada, and with the imposition of Provincial taxes of a standard not higher than the Canadian Provincial Average. This Recommendation clearly recognises the viewpoint which has been urged by the Maritime Provinces for many years, namely the basing of Provincial subsidies on the subsidies on the fiscal need of the Province concerned. In the case of Prince Edward Island, the proposed National Adjustment Grant was Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars; this amount was estimated to enable the Provincial Government to increase its expenditures on public services, principally Education and Public Health, by Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars a year. The minimum amount of the National Adjustment Grant was to be fixed, but the maximum could be increased at the end of each five-year period if any Province made out a genuine case of additional fiscal need.

Provincial Autonomy

"The principal direction in which some of the Provinces apparently feared a loss of autonomy was in the Dominion control proposed for future Provincial borrowings. Two alternative methods were to be set up. The Province might continue to borrow without Dominion consent, but in that case the Province would have to borrow on its own credit. Or subject to the approval of a Federal Council, the Province might obtain permission to borrow with a Dominion guarantee. The absence of Federal approval would presumably place a stigma on any proposed Provincial borrowing, and the result would probably be that the Provinces would require Federal approval for any substantial future borrowings. This control, however, would probably be beneficial for the Provinces themselves, and would certainly be essential and necessary if the Dominion directly, and the residents of those Provinces which have a smaller per capita debt indirectly, were to assume the debt burdens of those Provinces which now have heavy per capita liabilities. On the whole, it would appear that some systematic control of large Provincial borrowings would be salutary, not only for the Province concerned, but for the other Provinces and the Dominion as a whole. Such a system would ensure an equitable development of all parts of Canada instead of permitting extravagant expenditures in one Province and excessive economy in others.

"It is not to be supposed that the adoption of the Commission's Report would be a panacea for all our financial problems. It clearly would, however, be of very substantial benefit to this Province, and we can only hope that the premature break-off of discussions on the subject will not preclude its fair and thorough consideration by the Provinces at a later date.

Debt Refunding

"It may be asked where the Dominion Government would secure the money necessary to implement such a comprehensive scheme of finance. I have already suggested that from the sources of income tax, succession duties, and corporation taxes, the Dominion could, with less expense of collection, obtain larger, and yet more equitable and less burdensome, revenues than the Provinces are now doing. In assuming the Provincial debts, the Dominion could service these in future at less cost than the Provinces are now doing, by refunding Provincial obligations at lower interest rates than Provincial bonds have been carrying; the Dominion could also derive a substantial profit from the discount at which the debentures of several of the Provinces have been changing hands in recent years. Finally, in its own financial relationships, the Dominion would be freed from the hampering effect which the financial embarrassment of its Provinces necessarily causes to the Dominion itself.

"In the meantime, and until some comprehensive arrangement can be reached for the revision of Dominion-Provincial relationships, the Provinces must struggle along under the present arrangement, and must strive to avoid placing any obstacles in the way of Dominion revenues for war purposes. On the other hand, it is inevitable that the pressure of war-time financial requirements may compel the Dominion to encroach still further on the revenues which are now available to the Provinces. The Dominion Government has already intimated the necessity of withdrawing the existing aid to the Provinces for unemployment relief. The increases in Dominion income tax rates will substantially impair Provincial income tax collections, because we allow Dominion income tax payments as a deduction for the purposes of calculating Provincial income taxes. It is hoped that these difficulties of the Provinces will to some extent be compensated by the additional employment given by the Dominion war production program, and by the increase in the number and amount of income available for taxation. But at the present time, our paramount financial problem is Dominion revenue for war purposes. It is not only necessary for the Dominion Government to collect every possible dollar by means of taxation, but it is equally essential for the citizens of the Dominion to exercise every possible economy and to place their savings at the disposal of the Dominion Government through the medium of War Loans and War Savings Certificates.

Interpreting The War

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press Staff Writer)

Greek reaction to the Turkish-Bulgarian non-aggression accord is strikingly belated unless it is to be discerned in official reports from Athens and Rome on progress of a sustained Greek offensive in southern Albania.

Since the Greeks are the most interested party, their interpretation of that vague and uncertain commitment of their neighbours not to fight each other is much more important than the views of Sofia, Ankara, Rome, Berlin or even London. At first blush, however this language of a Rome war bulletin is worth noting:—

"On the Greek (southern) front, . . . bitter fighting continued all day yesterday (Monday), during which the enemy suffered very high losses without moving our lines, our losses also were considerable."

Athens capped that with a declaration that the Italians were blowing up munitions on the south and central Albanian fronts, presumably preparatory to an extensive retreat.

If Greece is to give up the fight and make peace on Fascist terms due to the withdrawal of Turkey as a possible Greek ally, the Government that makes such a decision would seem to risk much at home. Greek war spirit has been tuned to an extraordinary pitch. The Greeks have nothing but victory to show for the war.

To halt now and order the victorious Greeks to surrender all the ground sanctified by the blood of fallen comrades might be quite an undertaking for the Athens Government. It has little to gain and much to lose by capitulation.

In view of previous close relations between Greece and Turkey it does not seem possible that Athens has no more information on the effect the Turkish-Bulgarian pact will have on Greece than the vague wording of the pact indicates.

Prolonged silence in Athens as to the Turkish-Bulgarian development is possibly more significant than Nazi chortling over it as a diplomatic setback for Britain. If the pact does not crack Greek morale, Germany will be faced with the alternative of making a two-front war, or suffering a serious lack of prestige in the Balkans by failing to follow through militarily.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 —(AP) — A Canadian air official disclosed last night more than 1,100 Americans are taking part in the British Commonwealth Air Training plan under way in Canada.

Regular Wednesday Eve
FROLIC
New Dome Ballroom
Dancing 8 to 12 p.m.
Admission 35c including tax

Girl Guide News

1st, 2nd and 3rd Companies

The Guides of these Companies had a most exciting Scavenger Hunt last Saturday afternoon. They were divided into small groups, and each group was given two hours to obtain the following articles:

One baked potato.
One 1870 cent.
One clay pipe.
Three hair pins.
One trivet.
A little bit of Heaven.
One Moore & McLeod's stocking box.
One hair from Miss Hart's head.
Three raisins.
One empty Sweet Cap. cigarette box.
One Guide Tenderfoot pin.
One Dodd's Almanac (1941).

Congratulations must be given to the Guides on the speed and ingenuity shown. The prize was won by the group consisting of Barbara Pickard, Doris Vail, Barbara Rogers, and Helen Acorn, who did exceptionally well by arriving back fifteen minutes before the allotted time having obtained every article on the list. Upon their return to St. Peter's Hall the Guides were quite ready for their supper and hot cocoa, and later entered into games with great enthusiasm. Lieutenant Miss Hart was unable to be present during the "Hunt" but she arrived in time for supper and everyone was glad to see that she still had at least a few hairs left on her head!

The regular weekly meeting will be held on Friday as usual and Guides will be inspected for black stockings and ties. The regulation tie is 2 1-2 inches wide at the bottom and 6 inches long from below the knot to the bottom of the tie. Kindly have all ties regulation size as well as freshly laundered. Any Guides requiring ties are asked to get in touch with Miss Hart before Friday. Will all Guides please bring one cent besides their regular fees as their contribution to the Thinking Day Fund.

ATTENTION GUIDERS AND GUIDES, THINKING DAY FEBRUARY 22nd.

It has been suggested by the Headquarters of the Girl Guides Association that Thinking Day should be celebrated in the following manner, namely, (1) that in honor of all those Guides who are prevented from wearing uniform and from Guiding openly, each Guide in the Province should polish her badge, belt, shoes, etc., and spruce up her uniform more specially than ever; and (2) that each Guide make a special effort to perform acts carrying out the Guide Law. The first would be a definite act of sympathy and understanding, the second would be a practical attempt on Thinking Day by Guides to combine with the forces of goodness in the fight against the powers of evil.

Guiders: Please bring above to attention of your Guides at your meeting this week. Also remind them of the Thinking Day Fund to which each Guide is asked to contribute one penny.

News Briefs

LONDON, Feb. 18 —(CP Cable)— A bill enabling Malcolm MacDonald to retain his seat in the House of Commons while serving as United Kingdom High Commissioner in Canada was published today. It expires within a year of passage.

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Feb. 18 —(CP Cable) —The Duke of Gloucester today saw battle-keen units of the Canadian 1st division on manoeuvres and enjoyed a long talk with Lt.-Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton on the preparations of the Canadian troops for action.

TORONTO, Feb. 18 —(CP) — Funeral services were held today in St. Michael's Cathedral for Rt. Rev. John J. Blair, President of the Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada, who died here Friday. Archbishop James C. McGuigan of Toronto delivered the funeral oration and Archbishop John T. McNally of Halifax chanted pontifical requiem high mass, assisted by Rev. Gerald J. Kirby of Toronto.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18 —(CP) —Maj.-Gen. A. D. McRae of Vancouver, Conservative member of the Senate for British Columbia, has accepted the chairmanship of the national joint campaign for funds to be conducted by voluntary war services organizations March 24.

HALIFAX, Feb. 18 —(CP) — A Nova Scotian started something today when he offered five shares of stock (mortgage corporation of Nova Scotia) with a book value of $625 in exchange for war savings certificates costing $480 with a value of $600 seven years from now. He was taken up immediately and one newspaper office reported 50 persons had offered stock in exchange for war certificates.

IT'S A LEGION DANCE
ARMOURIES
Thursday, Feb. 20th
Dancing 9—1
Don Messer's Orchestra
Admission 35c