

# History Reveals How Army Cut Physical Requirements

OTTAWA (CP)—A new official history reveals the extent to which physical standards for enlistment in the Canadian armed forces were lowered to maintain the manpower quota in the field during the Second World War.

In 1944, at the time of the conscription crisis, the standard for vision was reduced so that a combat soldier, for instance, need not have better vision than 20-200 if it could be corrected with glasses to 20-40 in the right shooting eye and 20-80 in the left eye. Perfect vision is 20-20.

The Official History of the Canadian Medical Services, 1939-45, published today by the Queen's Printer, is the second of a two-volume history.

**HIGH-STANDARD START**

The new 568-page volume, edited by Dr. W. R. Feasby of Toronto, former officer in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, deals mainly with the medical arm's part in the campaigns and operations of the three services. The earlier volume dealt with professional and clinical aspects.

In 1939, the history says, a man had to be perfectly fit physically and mentally to get into category A for general service. Chest measurement had to be at least 34 inches, height five feet, seven inches for artillery, five feet, four inches for other arms, and weight 138 pounds.

By October, 1941, minimal standard for height was lowered to five feet, weight to 120 pounds and chest measurement to 32 inches. Men could be recruited in some categories if blind in one eye but with normal vision in the other.

By 1944—the time of the conscription crisis—a front-line fighter needed only 20-200 vision corrected with glasses to 20-40 in the right eye and 20-80 in the left. The lowest standard acceptable in the army was 20-400 in both eyes and 20-80 in the left eye. Perfect vision is 20-20.

**SAME PATTERN ELSEWHERE**

There was a similar lowering of standard for hearing.

The original standard was ability to hear words spoken in a strong whisper at 20 feet.

By 1944 a man could enlist if he could hear the conversational voice at five feet in both ears or 10 feet in one ear with total deafness in the other.

"There were many other minor reductions in the physical standard—all with the object of maintaining the quota of manpower in the field," the history says.

**VAST SERVICE DONE**

Nearly 50,000 officers, nursing sisters and other ranks served in the Canadian medical services during the Second World War and handled more than 2,000,000 cases, ranging from plastic surgery to a cold.

The navy and RCAF set up their

own medical branches at the start of the war. Before that the army medical corps looked after the medical needs of all three services.

In one of its major conclusions the history says re-orientation of the three medical services would be "difficult and impracticable." But it adds:

"Joint use of hospital facilities where economical and feasible continued use of joint supply systems, frequent exchange of medical personnel, exchange of liaison officers at administrative levels, joint service committees in all spheres of activity—all of these devices should be developed and encouraged to function for the mutual aid and betterment of the services."

**MALARIA COSTLY**

Other points made by the history:

The mortality rate was only 2.5 per cent among the 600 casualties admitted to Canadian hospitals after the Dieppe raid in 1942.

The period after the fighting proved the most difficult of the entire Sicilian campaign for the medical corps because of a malaria outbreak. The outbreak—1,043 cases during the last two weeks of August, 1943—was due to neglect in taking available precautionary measures, ascribed to inadequacy in anti-malaria training before the Sicilian campaign.



**COMPLETES LOADING 70,000 BAGS OF POTATOES**

Loading the last of 70,000 bags of potatoes aboard the freighter "Willman", workmen are seen above completing the task before the ship sailed from Summerside

yesterday afternoon. A sling load of 15 bags is seen being hoisted aboard the ship where they are lowered into one of the holds and carefully placed by a

group of men working within the ship, while another group at the back of a truck load of potatoes prepare to load a second sling, forming a continuous shuttle pro-

gram repeated many thousands of times during the loading of this ship which sailed for Florida. Two other ships are also presently loading potatoes at Summerside. PHOTO BY WOTTON

## Regional Conference C. W. L. Is Held At St. Anne's Lot 65

The second of the regional conferences of the C.W.L. was held at St. Anne's, Lot 65 on Sunday afternoon and evening. The Provincial President, Mrs. Benj. W. Des Roches of Missouche was chairman and the Provincial Director Rev. G. J. MacCormac opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev. Charles McCarthy, parish priest at St. Anne's said it was a privilege and a joy to welcome the League Women, who, he said, at all times were most co-operative in all parish endeavours, one of the principal objects of the League. He extended a special welcome to Father MacCormac who at one time was Parish priest at Lot 65. The Sub-Division President, Mrs. Linus Trunier also extended a very hearty welcome on behalf of herself and the Sub-Division.

The Provincial President, Mrs. Des Roches, who recently returned from attending the national convention in London, Ontario, in her opening remarks said she was pleased to see such a large and appreciative number of women and gave a short talk on some of the highlights of the convention. Some of the resolutions passed there dealt with family allowances, Canadian representation to the Vatican, opposition to recognition of Red China to League of Nations, an appeal for voluntary aid to our Ladies' Missionaries, Christ the King Cultural Foundation, Girls' National Scholarship, etc. A more active part in the movement regarding salacious literature and objectionable films was also recommended.

Father MacCormac in his remarks expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many delegates present, and an added pleasure to be back in the parish where he spent so many happy years. He said these regional conferences are called to bring several Sub-

Divisions together to express opinions and ideas, to ask questions and in general to get a better idea of the aims and objects of the League especially on the Sub-Division level. He explained the duties of officers and convenors and answered many questions from the question box and from the floor, and urged them to increase their membership. He asked all delegates to take a full report to their sub-divisions.

The procedure of conducting a model meeting was given by the principal objects of the League. Raymond Smith as President, Mrs. Lorne McCarrill, Rec. secy and Mrs. St. Clair McIvor treasurer, and several other ladies giving their convenors reports. This meeting was very interesting and informative.

A delicious buffet supper was served by the members of St. Anne's sub-division between the afternoon and evening sessions.

**EVENING SESSION**

A special feature of the evening session was a talk by Rev. Allan MacDonald on the Christian Family movement and a panel discussion carried out on the same subject by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Campbell and Dr. Leo and Mrs. McIsaac.

Mrs. M.J. Doyle expressed the sincere thanks of all present to the Ladies of St. Anne's Sub-Division for sponsoring the regional meeting, to the Provincial President, Father MacCormac, to Father McCarthy, parish priest, to those who took part in the model meeting and C.W.L. panel discussion and to all who had any part in making the meeting so interesting and enjoyable. Father MacCormac in his closing remarks made a special appeal on behalf of the Cultural Foundation movement and for more subscribers to the Canadian League magazine.

The president in closing said she was delighted to see so many delegates and visitors numbering 148 and representing Kinkora, Hope River, North Rustico, South Rustico, Kelly's Cross, Hunter River, Indian River, Summerfield and Seven Mile Bay. She also said that Miss Elizabeth Reid, editor of the "Hong Kong Examiner" working on a lecture in St. Paul's Hall, Summerside on "Asia today" and urged as many as possible to attend especially the teenagers, and she expressed special thanks to the president and members of the hostess sub-division.

The meeting adjourned with the League Prayer.

## WESTERN GUARDIAN

**HEAR NOTED speaker,** Miss Helen MacArthur, National director of Nursing Services, semi-annual meeting Red Cross Society, Legion Hall, Summerside, October 23rd, 7:30 p.m. Slides will be shown.

**REGULAR WEDNESDAY night** dance, Borden Legion Hall, 9:30 to 12:30. Don Messers Orchestra.

**COME TO the big bingo** in Borden Legion Hall Friday, Oct. 26, 8:15 p.m. Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary.

**MASQUERADE dance** Indian River School Friday, October 26th, sponsored by W.I. Prizes for best costume.

**CAR THEFT CASE** — A Summerside man was taken into custody yesterday and will appear in Summerside Police Court today charged with theft of a car. The vehicle which the man allegedly stole was owned by Mr. Garden Lawson, Chestnut Ave., and was recovered shortly after.

**ASSAULT CASE ADJOURNED** A Summerside man charged with assaulting a police officer engaged in the execution of his duty had his case adjourned to Tuesday, October 30, at 10:30 a.m. after evidence of four witnesses was heard by Magistrate R.S. Hinton last evening. The accused was represented by J.A. MacDonald of Charlottetown, while D.O. Stewart conducted the case for the prosecution. Another Summerside man charged with unlawfully selling liquor also had his case adjourned to the same date.

## Church Of Christ W.M.S. Meeting

The Church of Christ W.M.S. of Summerside met at the home of Mrs. Wallace Harding on Thursday October 11. Mrs. Emery Linkletter opened the devotional with hymn, "Lord, Speak To Me" followed by Scripture reading. Meditation theme was "Whose God is the Lord?" After the hymn "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Mrs. Weale led in prayer.

In the absence of the president, the business session was conducted by Mrs. Metherall. In addition to the usual routine, a report of the provincial W.M.S. meeting held in conjunction with the annual church convention at South Lake (Sept. 29-30) was given by the secretary.

A very interesting address was given by the guest speaker, Mr. H. Stainton.

An excellent missionary study was given by Mrs. Harry Linkletter, who, with the aid of a map, described the work carried on in Argentina during the past fifty years. A resume of the work done in Paraguay was also given.

After some discussion the meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

## 4 Cape Bretoners Jailed At S'ide

Four men from Cape Breton, charged jointly with creating a disturbance in a public place, were convicted in Summerside Police Court yesterday and two were fined \$50, and costs or two months, while the other pair were fined \$25, and costs or one month. All four elected jail terms and were lodged in Prince County Jail.

The men were arrested early Sunday morning by Csts. Matheson, Champion and Hardy of the Summerside Police Force after they created a disturbance at a dance at St. Paul's Hall and later broke a glass and window in a door at Chans Restaurant and damaged a showcase at the Grand Cafe.

## ALBERTON

Misses Belle Wilkie, Frances Currie and Nancy Gillis, students in Charlottetown, spent the weekend at their homes in Alberton.

Mrs. John C. Matthews has returned to her home in Alberton Mrs. Allan Bishop, in Dorchester, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Caldwell, Charlottetown, spent the weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilkie, Alberton.

## TYNE VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Newcombe accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cann and family were visiting friends in Montague on Sunday, Oct. 7th.

Mrs. Hart Lidstone was during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Birch, Amherst, attended the Nesbit and Forbes wedding on Wednesday, Oct. 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Forbes and Miss Constance Forbes, Nova Scotia, spent a few days recently visiting friends and relatives in Bedouque, St. Eleonors, Lot 16 and Tyne Valley. While in Tyne Valley they were guests at the Nesbit and Forbes wedding.

Dr. Donald and Mrs. Forbes, Vancouver, spent a week visiting friends in Tyne Valley and other parts of the Island. They left on Saturday, Oct. 13th, for Moncton to visit with Mrs. Forbes people before flying back to Vancouver on Tuesday, Oct. 16th.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Darrah on Thursday evening, Oct. 11th, with a good attendance.

Mrs. Alfred Ramsay and Mrs. Fred Enman left for Toronto and Hamilton, Ontario where they will spend some time visiting with relatives and friends.

## UNDERGROUND WIRING PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION



Beginning the excavation for the eastern terminal of the underground communication system being installed between the east and west railway crossings in Summerside, workmen are seen yesterday just east of the M.F. Schurman Co. plant as they begin operations with a rotary drill in preparation for completing the eastern



Excavating a trench in which the communication and street lighting cables will be placed underground between the two railway crossings on Water Street in Summerside, a big power shovel is seen yesterday loading a truck at the eastern crossing as work on the project nears completion. PHOTO BY WOTTON

## Europe Awaits Soviet Reaction

By ALVIN STEINKOPF

LONDON (AP) — Western Europe waited anxiously Monday night for any sign of violent Russian reaction to Red Poland's efforts to throw off the rein of the Kremlin.

There were numerous reports of movements of Soviet troops, especially from East Germany into Poland. But checks at border points indicated they were little more

than small, routine changes of stations.

The general impression in Western Europe was that the final decisions—which could mean turmoil or gradual liberation in Eastern Europe—have not yet been taken in Moscow.

It was believed generally in European capitals that there must be a showdown in the Soviet hierarchy itself.

There was intense interest in Warsaw reports that a Russian triumvirate of V. M. Molotov, Georgi Malenkov, and A. I. Mikoyan may challenge the leadership of Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev.

Molotov is a stern old school Stalinist and there was some apprehension that the three might turn the trend of affairs in Russia back to the ruthless policies of Stalin.

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## Composer Of Hit Songs Dies

HOLLYWOOD, FLA. (AP)—The composer of the hit songs "It Had To Be You" and "I'll See You In My Dreams" died Friday.

Isham Jones, 63, bandleader and composer of some 300 other songs, died at his residence. He had been ill with cancer about nine months.

Jones was one of the top bandleaders in the 1920s and 1930s. A native of Saginaw, Mich., he retired from show business 18 years ago but continued to write songs.

## Special Services At Crawford Memorial

At the conclusion of two weeks of Evangelistic Services held in the Crawford Memorial Christian Church, Breadalbane, on Sunday evening, September 23, a large number of the church members, and other friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fomroy Murray to honor the minister of the church, Mr. Byard Thurber, for his part in making the service a success.

Mr. Earl Chappell, one of the deacons, in a few suitable words, stated the purpose of the gathering,

**REGENT** TONIGHT 7:15 — 9:10  
WED. 3:30—7:15—9:10

Tuesday 7:15 — 9:10; Wednesday 3:30 — 7:15 — 9:10

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