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The War Week In Review

By Canadian Press

Biggest news of the week was the great American naval victory in the Philippines, when outnumbered American naval forces handed the Japanese the greatest naval disaster in their history. In the three clashes which took place two big Japanese battleships were sunk and two more almost certainly sunk; five more were so seriously damaged that they will be out of action for many months. Five cruisers were definitely sunk and many more seriously damaged. Three carriers went to the bottom and others were damaged. The count of destroyers and lighter craft has not yet been tabulated. In all, some 42 of the Japanese navy's big ships were sunk or put out of action. This is considered at least half of the effective force of the Japanese navy. At last reports American naval forces were still harrying the Japanese armada as it limped for home waters. It is expected that this great victory will speed up the advance of the Allied forces toward China, and will facilitate the reconquest of the Philippines.

The land battle in the Philippines is progressing favorably, with more than half of the island of Leyte, where the original landings were made, reconquered. New landings were made on Samar island to the northeast of Leyte during the week, and latest advices state that Japanese resistance there was weaker than expected and nearly the whole island is now under American control.

The Philippines Government re-established itself in temporary quarters on Leyte during the week. A powerful Red Army offensive has overrun more than 400 villages and penetrated at least 25 miles into East Prussia. Moscow has announced, and in the West British forces have hammered out new gains in the Netherlands, capturing s'Hertogenbosch, important bastion shielding the escape route for the enemy in northwest Holland. In addition the key fort and city of Tilburg has been captured. Canadian forces have just about completed the freeing of the estuary of the Schelde, and Thursday Canadian troops landed on the islands at the mouth of the Schelde where the last German big guns preventing Allied shipping travel in up the Schelde to Antwerp are located.

In Greece, British and Partizan troops are steadily driving the Germans from the country, and their escape route is now gravely threatened by the Russians and Yugoslav Partizans to the north. Many of the Greek islands in the Aegean Sea have been liberated and garrisons in the remainder isolated.

In Italy gains have been small on both the 8th and 5th army fronts. Bad weather is seriously hampering Allied advances.

In the European air war a fleet of 1,000 RAF and RCAF heavy bombers attacked the Krupp munition works at Essen in the Ruhr and were challenged by a swarm of German night fighters and the heaviest ground barrage in weeks.

The Russians are reported to have uncorked a new offensive between Warsaw and East Prussia, according to the Germans, but the Russian high command has made no mention of this action as yet.

Quesnel Delegates Attend Pr. George Presbytery Session

At a public meeting held Tuesday evening at Prince George, the commissioners to the recent General Council of the United Church held at London, Ont., Rev. and Mrs. Runnals of Prince George and Mr. John A. Fraser, of Quesnel, gave their impressions and a resume of the Council's work.

During the local sessions, which lasted from Tuesday evening to Thursday noon, reports were received and plans made for the winter and spring activities.

Miss F. Snider, Vancouver, secretary for Young People's Work, was present and took part in the discussions.

St. Andrew's United Church, Quesnel, will commence a series of Wednesday evening meetings to discuss the Church, Nation and World Order based on a comprehensive report presented by a Commission to the General Council.

Another Good Reason

Another good reason for local residents to buy all the new 7th Victory Loan Bonds possible is the action of the local sales force in turning over its commissions to the Hospital.

To date the commissions have bought the Hospital an ultra-violet ray lamp costing \$165.00, a spot lamp for the case room and a physio-therapy lamp. In addition to this, a number of expensive surgical instruments and other equipment have been bought for the operating room.

The new ultra-violet ray lamp has just been delivered at the Hospital. The committee had a hard time locating a lamp, as all such lamps now manufactured go to the armed forces. Finally one was obtained in Vancouver.

We understand the salesmen are again turning over their commissions to the Hospital Board at the close of the 7th Victory Loan campaign, but we have not yet learned what will be purchased with the money. However, we may rest assured that it will be put to good use.

415 Head Nazco Cattle Shipped to Vancouver

Tuesday's southbound train took five cars of cattle, 132 head, from the Frontier Cattle Company's ranch in Nazco, L. (Pan) Phillips, manager of the spread, accompanied the cattle to the Coast.

On Friday, 238 head of Nazco cattle from Shotry Harrington, Alex Paley, Joe Spehar, Julius Wohl and Mrs. Cooper, were shipped. Shotry and Flem Harrington, Alex Paley and Joe Spehar accompanied the shipment.



Premier Hart Wants British Columbia Owned Public Utilities

Legislation will be introduced at the next session of the B.C. Legislature enabling the Government to establish a power and light commission to carry out development of electrical energy throughout the Province, it was announced by Premier John Hart Wednesday clarifying the Government's hydro-electric policy.

In part, the Premier's statement is as follows:

"In 1943, I announced in the House that the Government would appoint a committee to inquire into the feasibility of electrification of rural areas.

"A preliminary report from that committee was presented to the House at the last session. This report showed the necessity that power development should be proceeded with. The committee was requested to continue its investigations so that a final report could be submitted at the forthcoming session.

"In view of the great need for power in connection with the development of the Province, particularly in regard to the establishment of secondary industries, irrigation projects, and various services to rural areas, the Government will introduce legislation at the next session of the Legislature, authorizing the establishment of a light and power commission which would undertake the development of necessary power outside of centres now being served.

"When the Government announcement was made in 1943 regarding the investigation into the feasibility of rural electrification, suggestions were made that the operations of the B.C. Electric Railway Company Limited should be taken over by the Government."

The Premier, in his statement, reviewed the policy of the Government as enunciated during his speech before the Legislature on February 10, 1943, in which he pointed out that should the municipalities wish to take over the transportation and power and light distribution systems, the Government would be prepared to render the fullest co-operation. After reviewing his statement to the Legislature, the Premier continued as follows:

"During the year some discussions took place with a committee representing cities and municipalities regarding the purchase of the transportation systems and other

local interests of the B.C. electric Railway Company Limited.

"Inasmuch as nothing definite was done, I made another statement to the Legislature in 1944."

Premier Hart then quoted the correspondence between himself and the mayors of Vancouver and Victoria and drew attention to the fact that they had failed to answer certain questions placed before them appertaining to hydro-electric development and that no definite plan had been submitted by them to the Government.

Continuing his formal statement to the press, the Premier said:

"Later I met a committee representing the cities and municipalities which presented no definite plan in connection with the taking over of the transportation systems. It was stated at that conference that a suggestion had been made that the Government thru a utility commission, take over the Company as a going concern and I asked the delegates what they thought of the suggestion. I think they were unanimous in their approval of that proposal.

"Up until that time, I was not sure whether the cities and municipalities desired to own their own transportation systems.

"I then proceeded to consider the plan of a public commission to take over the whole of the B.C. Electric Railway Company Limited undertakings but after the most careful investigation and consideration, I came to the conclusion that the Government should not own or operate the transportation systems or other undertakings of the Company within municipal boundaries.

The Company does not wish to sell the power development part of their operations without disposing of their transportation systems and other undertakings, and recently announced a comprehensive development policy estimated to cost \$50,000,000.

"I desire to be most careful that no statement be made by me that might in any way interfere with the securing of the new capital necessary.

"The proposal to purchase, however, is so important that it should be given further consideration. I propose, therefore, to invite the mayors of Vancouver and Victoria to meet me at an early date so that

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Quesnel Only Fog Free Port In Central Interior

Passengers on the plane from Vancouver to Prince George last Friday had a long ride. Arriving over the Prince George airport the fog was so heavy the plane was compelled to go on to Fort St. John. The next day the Prince George passengers were brought back, but again the plane couldn't land due to fog conditions, so the plane came on to Quesnel, landing on the local field. Passengers for Pr. George were picked up here by stage and taken to the northern city.

This is the first time, we believe that a plane has landed on the local airport with passengers.

1,455 No. 5 Ration Books Distributed In Quesnel Area

Ration Book No. 5, which was distributed in Quesnel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last by volunteer workers totalled 1,455. Wells and Barkerville areas distributed 838. Returns from all of the outside districts are not yet in, but it is estimated that not over 3,000 books were distributed.

The district includes the area south to Narcosli Creek, north to Cinema, as well as Cottonwood, Stanley, Wells and Barkerville. The Nazco district will total approximately 175 books in all, counting the Indian population.

Australian-Kersley News

On October 22 Rev. Oscar Berry of Quesnel conducted a Holy Communion service at Menzinger Creek schoolhouse. It was the first Holy Communion partaken of by the children of Kersley who were confirmed at St. John's Church, Quesnel, on August 30.

Pte. Jim Moffat arrived home on Tuesday's train. Jim has been discharged from the army as medically unfit for duty, and will go back farming. He must make one more trip to Shaughnessy Military Hospital, however, before he can settle down.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Patchett (nee Marian Warden), on Tuesday, October 24, 1944, a son.

A RECORD?

Willie Fun of the Nugget Cafe surprised a guest at the cafe Wednesday when she expressed the wish for a bowl of fresh raspberries. Willie, without saying anything, went out to the garden and picked a bowl of fresh berries. We think this constitutes a record—fresh raspberries on October 25.

Local Bond Purchases Satisfactory to Date, Says Sales Committee

Chairman Ray Commons of the committee in charge of bond sales states that Quesnel is doing quite well so far in the drive. With the local quota boosted from \$40,000 in the last loan drive to \$50,000 in this campaign, however, he says it will take some real digging to reach our objective.

Sales throughout British Columbia have reached 38 per cent of quota in the small investors division.

At the close of the fourth day of the drive, Ottawa reported that the loan had netted \$283,688,600, about \$12,000,000 ahead of the last loan four-day total.

Tuesday Train Five Hours Late, Blows Boiler Flue

Tuesday's train from Williams Lake was five hours late arriving in Quesnel. In the vicinity of Macalister the engine of the train blew a flue, and was forced to pull into a siding. A relief engine had to be called from Williams Lake to bring the train on in to Quesnel.

Correspondence

The Editor:

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the following volunteer workers who assisted in the distribution of the new No. 5 Ration Books on the afternoons of October 19, 20 and 21:

R. H. Tebb, D. D. Fraser, and Mesdames W. Cotton, L. B. Rolph, C. Walker, A. Madeley and R. Bolderson.

C. H. ALLISON,
Chairman, Local Ration Board.



TENDERS

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tender for Construction of Radio Range Buildings at Quesnel", will be received up to 12 o'clock noon, E.D.S.T., Monday, November 6, 1944, for the construction of a radio range building, transmitter station, remote control building, power house, staff residences and garage, and other related works, at Quesnel, B.C.

Plans, specifications, labour conditions and form of contract to be entered into may be seen and tender forms obtained on application to the General Purchasing Agent, Department of Transport, Hunter Building, Ottawa, Ontario, or from the District Airway Engineer, Department of Transport, 312 Pacific Building, Vancouver, B.C. Additional information, if required with regard to interpretation of plans and specifications may be obtained from the said Airway Engineer.

Plans, specifications, etc., may be obtained from either of the above officials upon receipt of a \$10 deposit, such deposit to be in the form of an accepted cheque made payable to the Receiver General of Canada. Such cheques will be returned upon the return of the plans and specifications in good condition.

An accepted bank cheque on a chartered Canadian bank for an amount which is not less than 10 per cent of the total amount of the tender, made payable to the order of the Receiver General of Canada, must accompany each tender. Bonds of the Dominion of Canada and/or Canadian National Railway Bonds, guaranteed by the Dominion of Canada, will be accepted in lieu of, or in conjunction with, such accepted cheque. In any case, the sum deposited will be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract for the work in form generally as exhibited ("Contract form Construction") at the rates stated in its tender. Cheques and/or bonds accompanying tenders will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted by a security deposit as described will not be considered.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

A. H. McKEE,
Secretary.

Department of Transport,
Ottawa, October 17, 1944.

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Quesnel, B.C.

A HIGHER QUOTA

MONDAY saw the start of the greatest money-raising campaign ever launched in Canada—the Seventh Victory Loan calls for the sum of \$1,300,000,000 to be pledged to the Canadian war effort in just three weeks. This is \$100,000,000 more than the Sixth Loan. It is going to take hard work and sacrifice on the part of every Canadian if we are to attain this goal, we may be sure of that.

British Columbia will raise \$10,000,000 more than in the last loan drive — \$130,000,000 instead of \$120,000,000 — and of this sum the local quota has been raised by \$10,000—Quesnel's goal is now \$50,000 instead of \$40,000.

A member of the local campaign committee will be calling on you if he has not already done so. Treat him courteously and dig deep for as many bonds as you are able. Keep faith with those men who today are fighting and dying in the smampy canal country of Holland and the Mountain districts of Italy.

FOCUS ON THE FAR EAST

DURING the past five years attention of the world has been focussed almost entirely on the war in Europe. While it is true that an occasional spectacular action in the Far East, and, of course, the original Japanese drive after Pearl Harbor, captured our attention for a brief time, main interest has always turned on the battles

in the West.

With the invasion of the Philippines by the American and Australian forces last week, however, we are brought to the realization that our attention has been gradually turning to the East. Now, when we click on our radios we listen as eagerly for the news of the war against Japan as for that against the surviving Western totalitarian power.

We have not written off the Western battle by any means, but we are becoming more interested in General MacArthur's fulfilment of his promise to "come back," and in the coming showdown with the Mikado's forces.

STILL A HARD STRUGGLE

THERE has been much said in the war about the evils of wishful thinking. It is unfortunately a pastime in which many people indulge and one which leads them into the mistaken belief that victory can be won easily. "Still a hard battle ahead," say our Allied leaders, but there are many that do not believe them, and there is the danger that such over-confidence may result in an advantage to the enemy.

There is another campaign in progress at this time in which the evils of wishful thinking are equally grave. That is the campaign against Tuberculosis. This year in Canada, we are happy to report that the Tuberculosis death rate has fallen from 53.1 per 100,000, to 51.5, a remarkable achievement in a war year and indicative of the fact that we are holding our own against a very wily foe. This does not mean, however, that the battle is by any means won, nor does it suggest that we can slacken off in any effort against the disease.

Canada has, during the war years, launched a very aggressive campaign against Tuberculosis. It began with the x-raying of every man or woman recruited to the armed forces, spread into industry, the civil service and many large groups of the civilian population. The military survey alone involved some million young Canadians among whom 3,300 cases of active disease were found.

From surveys such as this, conducted among apparently healthy people, it is evident that there is much unsuspected disease among the population. If we are to hold our present gains in the Tuberculosis battle it is important that these surveys be continued; there should be no let-up.

Canadians are given an opportunity each year through the Christmas Seal Sale to participate in this all-out campaign against Tuberculosis. These gaily colored little Christmas stickers are emblems of the Tuberculosis Crusade. The money raised from the sale of Seals is used to carry on the thousand and one activities of the Tuberculosis associations. Buy the Christmas Seals and make sure there is no wartime rise in Tuberculosis.

The Week In Ottawa

By **GEORGE KITCHEN**
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA.—J. G. Taggart, chairman of the Federal Agricultural Prices Support Board, said in a speech before the Union of Canadian Catholic Farmers that Canadian agriculture must continue to find export markets for the production of nearly half the acreage of cultivated land.

If there were "reasonable willingness" among world peoples to trade with each other after the war, then the task of supporting agricultural prices in Canada would be relatively simple and a period of great agricultural prosperity was in sight.

But, if isolationism and trade barriers again became the accepted rule in the major industrial nations, the prospect for agricultural prosperity was "black indeed." Agriculture could survive only by submitting to the severest form of regimentation and undertaking many "unnatural forms of production under authoritative government orders," he said.

Mr. Taggart, a former Saskatchewan minister of agriculture, heads a board established at the last session of Parliament with authority to support farm prices by buying products at defined prices.

Mr. Taggart said the board had no authority to deprive the producer of the right to determine how his products should be marketed and handled, but would merely be an agent which had the power to purchase products whenever necessary to support reasonable minimum prices.

The board also could establish a fair price for an agricultural product. Producers and processors would proceed to sell the product in the normal way to the best possible advantage. Periodically when the average prices were less than the fair minimum prices then the board would pay to the producer or his agent the difference between the two.

Soil Electrically Heated

While the Prices Board performed its task, some agricultural officials recalled that Canada, like Russia, has developed methods under which vegetables can be grown in the north, although the scale of Dominion undertakings has been less impressive.

A London despatch quoted a Russian publication which told of acres of crops being grown on permanently frozen soil, electrically heated, in the 70th parallel of Siberia beyond the Arctic Circle.

In Canada, large supplies of vegetables have been grown at army camps in Labrador in recent years, making use of a system of troughs raised above the permanently frozen surface and filled with sand. Nutrient solutions were added and the vegetables grew and flourished.

Dominion Experimental Farm officials said that a sub-station now was being established west of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, to study the most suitable crops for that area, about 400 miles south of the Arctic Circle.

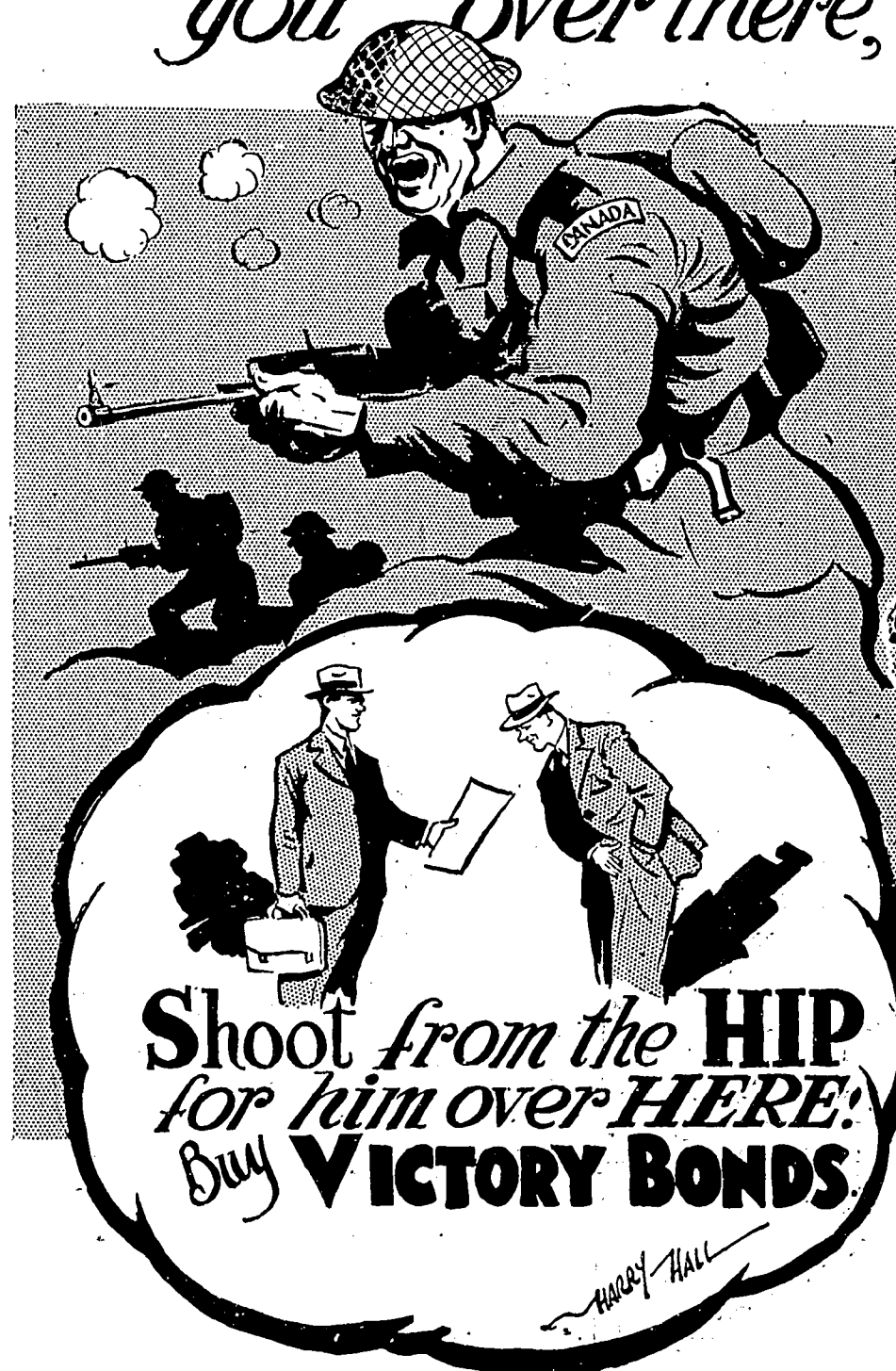
A Rum Game

The B.C. Government has 100,000 gallons of rum in bond and Liquor Commissioner W. F. Kennedy plans to keep it there. The increased value of the rum as it becomes older is far greater than the storage charges so the government is going to leave it in bond and make money for itself. Mr. Kennedy said there was no point in taking the rum out of bond when the government can obtain from other sources all that it is allowed to sell. Excise officials at Ottawa said that all the other provinces have caches of liquor in bond.

NO RELAXATION OF BEEF STAMP REGULATIONS

Although the stamping and slaughtering licence regulations as applied to hogs were relaxed last year, there is no relaxation in the stamping regulations applying to beef, lamb and veal livestock intended for sale, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced during the week.

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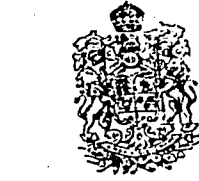
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VOCATIONAL TRAINING

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- \$60 monthly if single;
- \$80 monthly for a man and his wife, together with children's allowances.

This training is available for the period of service to a maximum of one year, but can be extended beyond that period, if necessary, and if service is more than one year.

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

This is available to all who are admitted to university within 15 months of discharge and, as in vocational training, fees are paid and there are maintenance allowances up to:

- \$60 monthly for a single man;
- \$80 monthly for a man and his wife, together with allowances for dependent children.

These allowances will be continued on a month for month basis of the time in the services, providing all examinations are passed. Outstanding students may have assistance continued to completion of the course.

SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURES

Under the re-establishment program Canada's veterans who, within 18 months of discharge from the services, become ill or unemployed may draw maintenance allowances up to \$50 if single and \$70 for a man and his wife, together with children's allowances. The out-of-work benefits are for those fit and able to work, but for whom there is no work immediately available. In the case of serious illness there is free treatment and hospitalization for any condition in the year following discharge.

As a further security measure, every veteran who enters insurable employment is entitled, after 15 weeks in that employment, to unemployment insurance credit as though the whole period in the services since July 1, 1941, had been spent in the insurable employment.

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