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CANADA'S FIRST CALL

Canada's first call for military training comes at last and, as a result forty thousand young men will enter camp this fall to fit themselves to take part in defence services. They will drill and learn various kinds of war strategy so that, if Canada should be attacked, they will know what to do.

It is quite probable that this training, if it is properly carried out, will become a part of the education of every young man. The physical set-up of the soldier is excellent and the lads will learn to be real soldiers.

MUST MOVE QUICKLY

If the Germans really intend to invade Britain they must move quickly because already the Royal Air Force is busy bombing them every night and the guns at Dover are giving them trouble. Every day the German forces remain in that vicinity they will be in imminent danger from the air. That is the great reason why they cannot afford to wait.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

Yesterday the Prince Rupert Rotary Club heard from Captain Roy Rurnford, padre of the garrison at Prince Rupert, the story of how he and a few companions climbed about eight thousand feet up a mountain. It is a wonderful thing to tell about. The man up there has the advantage of feeling that he is well above the ordinary mortal and can look down from the heights and is privileged to say anything he likes. He evidently feels akin to the trout fisherman, only trout fishing is the last word in laziness whereas mountain climbing seems to be the very extreme of action and possibly of irresponsibility. At any rate mountain climbing must be real exercise with real thrills occasionally to give the climber something to talk about.

ON THE HEIGHTS

Some few privileged people go through life always on the heights, enjoying the bracing air of the high lands, keen, bright, inspired; forever trying to get to higher places. It is a great way to be. Now and again they catch the sight of the beautiful pure peak of the mountain above and they once more set about trying to reach it. Of course they never get to a realization of their aspirations but they live in that rarified atmosphere of the mountain peaks and seem to enjoy themselves all the time, even when an occasional fog comes up and envelops them.

Most of us look with envy on the mountain climbers but, when the opportunity comes to join them and share in that greater perspective, getting an occasional vision of the unattainable, we turn again to the easy, luxurious lowland paths and forget that there is a higher and greater and better life offering.

These are thoughts that come to some of us as we listen to the racy tales of high adventure as the higher life of the mountain tops is pictured—the glorious glaciers, the glimpses of the mountain peaks and life as it is led by the climbers, the men of vision.

Canada's War Chiefs

HON. ANGUS L. MACDONALD
Minister of National Defence for Naval Affairs

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Hon. Angus Lewis Macdonald, a studious son of Nova Scotia's Inverness highlands, is not a naval man but few appointments in recent years have met such widespread acclaim as his selection as Minister of National Defence for Naval Affairs. Like most maritimers he has a love for the sea and the men who sail. This, coupled with his administrative experience made him a "natural" for the job of heading the naval ministry.

His appointment was announced in the House of Commons last July 8 and he got down to business almost immediately. Premier of Nova Scotia at 43 and leader of that government until his appointment to the federal portfolio, "Angus L." had often been mentioned as a certainty for a high place in the Dominion's life.

He had no seat in the House of Commons during the last parliamentary session but on August 12 received an acclamation in Kingston City, the constituency represented by the late Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of National Defence, who died last June in an airplane crash.

Angus L. brought to his new post the dry wit of his Scotch forbears. He brought too the keen mind of a successful lawyer and the hard-won experience of a soldier in the First Great War.

He likes to tell a joke on himself. And for the time when he can forget official duties this quiet spoken representative of the long "mac" and small "d" Macdonalds has a fund of amusing and pointed stories.

Angus L. is a smoker. With the thrift natural to a Scot there was a time when he rolled his own smokes. Lately he has turned to ready-made cigarettes.

Macdonald's hair is graying in a distinguished way. He is slender almost to the extent of being thin. But his piercing blue eyes and eloquence as an orator give the lie to his almost shy manner.

The navy minister is a good listener. But he is also a good cross-examiner and questioning newspapermen more often than not have found themselves subject to a good deal of inquiry rather than being on the receiving end of all answers. When he can do so conveniently Angus L. snatches an hour to appear at some necessary function or to meet with comrades of the last

Cape Breton Scot

The navy minister was born in Dunvegan, Inverness County, in the heart of the Cape Breton Highlands 50 years ago. His father, Lewis, was a Scot. His mother, Veronica Perry, was French.

Angus L. went overseas in the First Great War with the 26th Nova Scotia battalion as a lieutenant and returned a captain with the 185th battalion of the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade. The Scotch burr in on his tongue and he speaks the Gaelic with fluency.

The minister's legal training at Dalhousie Law School in Halifax, where he became a law professor, followed preliminary education in the common schools of his native county.

He attended Port Hood Academy and the University of St. Francis Xavier in Antigonish, N.S., and then took post-graduate courses at Columbia and Harvard Universities.

Politics interested him. In 1930 Macdonald tried for Dominion political honors in his native county but was defeated. At that time he was practising law in Halifax.

A short time later he was invited to attend a Liberal party convention called to choose a new provincial leader. To Angus L.'s astonishment he found himself the convention's almost unanimous choice.

He led the party to victory in the provincial elections of 1933 and 1937 and was premier and provincial secretary.

The minister married Agnes, daughter of John Foley of Halifax, in 1924. They have two daughters and a son.

Man in the Moon

Every dollar subscribed to the war loan fund gives an extra kick to Hitler's pants.

Jake says he'd like ten thousand kicks if he only had the cash.

A certain judge, famed for his unruffled behavior in any crisis, once had the misfortune to fall down the stairs. He fell from the very top to the very bottom—bouncing on each stair, and finishing by rolling right across the corridor.

One of his servants, hearing the disaster, rushed up to help.

"I hope your honor isn't hurt?" asked the man anxiously.

"No," replied the judge, with a wry smile, "it's not my honor that is hurt."

Bertie: "There goes a man who can tell the fortune of almost anybody in this little town."

Pam: "Does he use a crystal or cards?"

Bertie: "Neither; he's the bank manager."

There once was an erudite ermine Who said: "This I cannot determine:

When my skin's on a coat I'm a creature of note,

But when I'm alive I'm—just vermin."

IN HONOR OF WORKERS

LONDON, Sept. 13: (CP)—Composers Eric Coates has completed a new march "Calling All Workers" which he says tries to capture "the cheerful spirit of the wonderful British people in their war effort."

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MAN-EATING BEES

PACHMARHI, India, Sept. 13: (CP)—Handikho, the deepest gorge in India, has been prohibited to sight-seers, the valley having claimed many lives, with its snakes and "man-eating bees."

GIVE NELSON'S GUN

LONDON, Sept. 13: (CP)—Among the scrap sent here for the "scrap for victory" campaign is the minute gun from Nelson's flagship. The gun was presented by Nelson to Southey, the poet.

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