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## Singapore . . .

There was no hope those last few days for the most optimistic that Singapore would stand but, now it has fallen, we all feel sad. The impregnability of Singapore had been part of our education. Now it is gone, marking one of our greatest losses in this war, and this one of our darkest days. Even the men who defended it are, apparently, gone with it—many of them not dead, to be sure, but captives of the Japanese which we are led to believe is no happy lot.

But undue mourning about Singapore, sad though its fate may be, is not going to help us much. It has been a hard blow, expected though it might have been, but it may imbue us with more courage, more determination, more realism for the task of winning a war which cannot possibly be won by burying the facts and the implications in the sand of complacency or imaginary security.

This black week-end marked the inauguration of our Victory Loan campaign wherein we are asked to loan everything we can possibly spare to the government to help it meet the costs of war which mount with every new reverse. To respond in the fullest possible measure, even if it involves changes and sacrifices in our way of living, is little enough for us to do. No doubt, before the struggle is over, we will have had to do much more.

## Easy to Run Away . . .

It is comparatively easy to run away like the German ships did from Brest. They had the advantage of a snowstorm in which to get a start. We are aware that it is only results that count and this is one case where the Germans attained their end at the expense of the British. Somebody is to blame. It is another loss of prestige for the British and, doubtless, we all felt rather badly when we heard of it.

## Vancouver Regrets . . .

The Vancouver morning paper regrets the defeat of Mr. Meighen in the by-election in Ontario this week. Here is the editorial paragraph:

"The defeat of Mr. Meighen is a surprise and it is to be regretted. He has many faults and has made many mistakes in the past but, with it all, he is a great Canadian and, as the recently-selected leader of the Conservative party, his presence in parliament would have been a good thing. It is hard to understand why he was defeated. At this distance it appears that the electors refused to overlook his past and were apprehensive that his present bitter attitude would not be helpful to the war cause. Then, too, a man must suffer for the company he keeps. Mr. Meighen was afflicted with the support of Mitch Hepburn and Col. Drew. Prime Minister King might well consider restoring Mr. Meighen to his seat in the senate. Within its cloistered walls he could still be of service to his country."

## The Garden . . .

It is difficult to talk about anything so soothing and unexciting as gardening when the echo of the guns and bombs is resounding not far way. Yet it is good for us to turn our attention to other subjects at times. It is a great rest to talk gardening instead of shooting.

Everything is growing just now but it may be too early. There have been seasons when our worst frosts have been in March and even April has been very destructive. However, this is rather exceptional. Just now R. L. McIntosh has snowdrops in bloom in his well protected place on Fourth Avenue. Crocuses are showing up here and there all over town. It is early to do more than tidy up the place and digging is particularly dangerous until all the bulbs have shown themselves above ground. It is a good time to do the planning. Roses might well be ordered now or by the end of the month. Newcomers to Prince Rupert may not be aware that roses do very well here although in a severe winter they sometimes get frost-killed, especially where the garden is not well drained.


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# BISHOP'S SUPPORT OF LOAN

**Impressive Address of Bishop G. A. Rix Features Open Air Service Saturday Afternoon.**

The Allies have been justified before God and man in taking up the sword to defend themselves from the aggressor who struck first, declared Rt. Hon. G. A. Rix D.D., Bishop of Caledonia, in a Victory Loan drive service Saturday afternoon at the dug-out in the post office grounds. The world today, declared his lordship, was divided into two great camps—the nations of democracy and the nations of totalitarianism. After long preparation, the totalitarian nations had struck unexpectedly. The democratic nations had been unprepared but it was marvellous what they had already done. However, the Allied governments declared that they were in grave straits. Parity with the enemy had not yet been reached. There was not much reason to criticize at this time, declared the bishop, but it was the duty of all to do everything possible to meet the aggressor and his threat by providing the implements of war—the ships, the planes, the guns, etc. All this required financing. Last year Canada had set about to raise $600,000,000 by the sale of Victory Bonds. Now Canadians were being asked to put up another similar amount. They had done it before and they could and would do it again, the bishop was confident.

There were two prime reasons why Prince Rupert most certainly support the Victory Loan, declared the bishop. One was that the enemy was at the very gates. Never before had he been closer to Prince Rupert than today. The other reason was that the $600,000,000 which had been raised here last year and more had come right back to the coffers of Prince Rupert through war industry and other war activities. Workingmen were earning more money here than they had ever done before. Merchants and professional men were profiting. There was more reason and more capability than ever before for the buying of Victory Bonds. Every man and woman here who had anything whatever to spare should support the loan. It should always be remembered that should be such a thing as losing the war even money would be no use. On the other hand, in the event of victory, it would have been a good investment at interest—something unknown in any other countries than Canada, Great Britain and the United States.

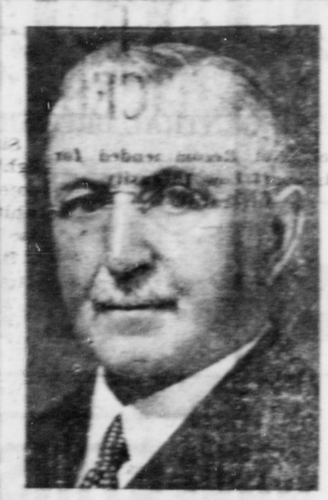
**How Little!**

"And how little," continued the bishop, "does what we may put up in Victory Bonds compare with that which has been given up by the men in uniform—many of whom have given up good jobs and put themselves in the position where they may have to make the supreme sacrifice? We should do our level best to stand behind these men and our government."

The bishop believed there was enough real and solid patriotism in Prince Rupert to do the utmost in the matter of this Victory Loan so that, "when the victory comes, you and I may have the right to rejoice at that victory."

The Victory Loan service was conducted by Bishop Rix who read the Scripture. Rev. J. A. Donnell, pastor of First United Church, offered prayer. Led by a massed choir under direction of J. S. Wilson, there was community singing of "O God Our Help in Ages Past" and "Onward Christian Soldiers" as well as the Canadian and British national anthems. The Canadian Scottish pipe and drum band played selections. George W. Cripps was master of ceremonies and announcer. Col. J. W. Nicholls, chairman of the local Victory Loan committee, made a brief announcement.

The service followed an impressive parade which featured mechanized and military equipment of both the United States and Canada. International atmosphere was lent further by the standards of the Allied nations being carried in the parade and on the dug-out platform.



ARTHUR B. WOOD

President of the Sun Life of Canada, in his annual review announces that every dollar available from premium and investment income will be used for the purchase of government bonds to aid in financing the war. The financial statement shows increases in all important items of the Sun Life business for the year; with assets nearly one billion dollars.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**Should Not Need to Be Sold Or Appealed to to Do Duty Against Enemy.**

There should be no need of cheap salesmanship or special appeal to show Christian people their duty to do all in their power to defeat the enemies of Christianity, asserted Rev. A. F. MacSween to his morning congregation in a Victory Loan Sunday sermon yesterday morning. Mr. MacSween likened the position of the British Empire today to that of Israel in the days of King Solomon when enemies and dangers beset the kingdom all around. There was complacency today like that which existed in Jerusalem when it had rejoiced in seeming security after the building of the temple. The pastor's text from II Chronicles, Chapter 6, was: "If thy people go out to war against their enemies in the way thou shalt send them and they pray unto thee . . . then hear thou from the heavens their supplication and maintain their cause."

# Are Elected to Presbyterian Church Board

At a special congregational meeting of First Presbyterian Church following morning service yesterday, C. G. Ham and James Bremner were elected to the board of managers. A third vacancy will be filled by the board itself.

**GERMANS GIVE UP**

LONDON, Feb. 16: (AP)—In the general collection of winter clothing for the German army "every member of each German household over 18 years of age must give up some clothing of peacetime quality."


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