

### BRITISH BRIEFS

Sweets are to be given to children at rest centres in Britain to cheer them up after air raids.

Within the past 10 years India added 50,000,000 to her population which now stands at 390,000,000, it was stated in London.

Alice Urne of Zenner, Cornwall, who has spent nearly all her life in the county, is 104.

Over a hundred people in Britain, returned from members of the fighting civil defence services, have been blinded by enemy action in the war according to the National Council for the Blind.

General de Gaulle has graduated as a sub-lieutenant in the Free French Navy after being detained in British waters.

There are still 3,639 London hospital beds out of action because of war damage. Total put out of commission through enemy action was 14,626.

Major Sir Archibald Wainwright, Commander-in-Chief, India, in July, 1941, has been awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Nassau by the Queen of the Netherlands.

Four-year old Jennifer Blighden is a great hit with the Duke of Devonshire at a Coventry munitions factory inspection. After giving the Duke of Gloucester a bouquet, she toddled up to the duke and kissed him on the cheek.

Release workers in war factories engaged on routine assembly work for more important equipment, small but important components of war products are to be assembled by members of the Women's Institutes.

Edward Venson, 30, munitions worker of Blackpool, was fined \$50 for being charged with having deliberately squeezed hot coins into the pockets of an 11-year old boy who was in the house singing carols on Christmas Day.

Members of the British Empire forces returned in the campaign which re-enthroned the Ethiopian throne have been ceremoniously reinterred in a war cemetery on a hillside overlooking Addis Ababa, it was announced in London.

The King has approved that the Gleanings of Gallantry Medal shall be available for airmen for gallantry in all operations against the enemy. The award will be superior to the D. F. M. The Distinguished Service Medal may be won by airmen for gallantry in action on ground.

The old Head of Kinsdale, famous promontory and landmark on the Cork coast, may soon become an island through coast erosion.

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### WINNIPEG

Influenza and heavy colds are the order of the day practically all Winnipeg business firms having to run short-handed as a consequence. One day last week 120 of the city's 930 school teachers were home on account of illness with some of the schools reporting as many as twenty-five percent of their pupils absent. Twelve of 300 city policemen were ill. There have been no deaths in this epidemic, it not being of the old killer variety.

A bright economic picture of rural Manitoba is given by Hon. William Morton, minister of municipal affairs. In tax collections, reduction of debt, building up of cash surplus and reserves, the rural villages and towns of the province are now in better financial position than at any time in the history of the province.

Winnipeg concert artists, numbering into the hundreds, who have been engaged for some time in entertaining the armed forces in various parts of the province, staged a monster concert last Wednesday night at the civic auditorium. It was under the auspices of the Winnipeg Kiwanis Club and the proceeds are to be used in the furnishing and equipping of a new recreational centre for men and women of the forces which is now nearing completion in the Eaton Co. annex.

The Winnipeg airmen, previously reported missing, are now for official purposes presumed to be dead. They are Sergeant Wireless Air Gunner Arthur Scarth and Flight Sergeant Gordon Douglas Russell Baird.

United States speed artists won the major share of the honors at the annual Manitoba speed skating championships which took place at the Wesley rink. Skaters from south of the border took seven of the ten classes and tied in the intermediate boys' aggregate standing. Winnipeg winners were Eileen Whalley in the senior ladies' class, Betty Mitchell in the junior girls' group and Bill Panting who tied with Dick Marshall of St. Paul for the intermediate boys' honors.

The third annual banquet and dance of the sergeants' mess of the Second Battalion, Winnipeg Grenadiers, was held Friday night in the Marlborough Hotel. There was a large attendance and the affair was a complete success.

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### BAN BACK BREAKING WORK

Victory gardeners who want good crops with the least work will plant their vegetables in straight rows, far enough apart to enable cultivation to be done with a hoe with

the gardener standing up. This is the modern way. Gardeners who learned their technique in Europe often broadcast vegetable seeds in beds, with paths between the beds. Then they stand in the paths, bend over, and pull up weeds by hand. This is the practice which started the idea that gardening is back breaking work. The bed method has been obsolete for many years in America. In a well planned garden the work can be as light as housework, with no job to be done which is any greater than sweeping. Such a garden requires careful

planning to make the rows straight and parallel, so that a cultivator can be quickly run down the aisle between the rows, destroying all weeds and breaking the crust of the soil in a few minutes. How far apart should the rows be? There is no magic formula for this. Root vegetables and others which do not grow tall, can be spaced as closely as 10 inches in fertile soil; but at this distance it is difficult to cultivate them with tools without disturbing the roots of your crop. The best method is to figure out what kind of a cultivator you are

going to use, and how much room between rows is necessary so that you can use it, without getting too close to the vegetables. Make this distance the minimum between your rows, and allow more than this space for crops which grow tall, for those which sprawl or make vines and for those which make large bushes. Eighteen inches is a good minimum for most gardens; even a small wheel hoe can be used between rows that close. And when your decision is made, then measure the rows accurately. Don't guess at the distance. Make the

The school board was in regular monthly session last night. There was not much business of importance coming before the board and the session lasted less than one hour and a half. C. G. Ham was elected to the chair in the absence of the regular chairman, Jack Deane. Only two other trustees—Mrs. George Hill and E. J. Smith—were present.

rows straight and parallel, and your garden will begin to present a professional appearance from the time the first crops begin to sprout.

# COMMON JUSTICE

The British Columbia Hotels' Association believe, with every other right thinking citizen, that no price is too high to pay for victory. They have gladly agreed to shorter hours of service in the interests of a unified War Effort.

This Association has subscribed to every war finance campaign and every charitable fund of merit sponsored by the Canadian Government, and public bodies, which aided our War Effort, and helped Service men and under-privileged private citizens.

This Association subscribes to the principle of moderation, but believes that temperance must be taught and not forced. Prohibition and compulsion have been proven ineffective in the past.

Today, restrictions in the consumption of beer are being enforced to such a degree as to menace the principles of democracy for which the Allied nations are now fighting. For thousands of years, men have fought and died for inalienable right to personal liberty. The present curtailment of the beer allowance for the hotels of British Columbia is a restriction of personal liberty and is not in the interests of the common good or of the successful conduct of the war.

Revenue has been reduced to such a degree that the ability of Hotelmen to make large contributions to Canada's War Effort in endangered. Contributions to necessary charitable funds may also suffer.

The sale of beer in British Columbia in the past has made it possible for hotelmen to improve their premises, thus providing fine accommodation for tourists in Hotels throughout British Columbia.

Beer consumption is responsible for British Columbia's thriving hop industry. This industry

will disappear if the present policy of restriction continues. Present restrictions in beer consumption do not add to Canada's manpower for war work, or in any way increase the efficiency of our War Effort.

But of far greater importance is the psychological effect of these new government restrictions upon the men of the Armed Services, the War Worker and the Private Citizen—who regard their right to a glass of beer, if they want it, as their own personal right and privilege. Fairness and equity to all citizens is the very foundation of an all-out War Effort.

Government officials at Ottawa have the power to remedy this situation by increasing the beer quota during the open hours of service. Action will be taken only when Ottawa is convinced that public sentiment is wholeheartedly behind this demand.

If you believe the present restrictions are against the best interests of the men in the Armed Services, Private Citizens, and Canada's War Effort, sign and mail this coupon and prove to officials at Ottawa that public sentiment IS behind the demand for common justice in the consumption of beer.

OLOF HANSON, M.P. for Skeena, Ottawa.

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Dear Sir:

Believing this cause to be in the interests of better health and greater War Effort, I, a citizen of British Columbia, respectfully request that you as the personal representative at Ottawa of the citizens of British Columbia, use your good offices and influence with those in authority to increase the beer allowance for British Columbia, to a point where complete service may be had in all Hotels during the hours allotted for the sale of this beverage.

Date: March 4, 1943.

Yours respectfully,

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