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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy greetings to all USINNI Members.

Well if you ever wondered about how a “one-armed wallpaper hanger” feels, let me tell you that that I can now give you some insight.

Final preparations for our annual dining in are well under way and the term “busy” falls short of describing my time. Not complaining – just excited about the event. RSVP's have started to arrive, and with everything from tracking

proper post-nominals to meal selections to final arrangements for the band to ensuring the proper flags are available are being actively con-



ducted. Our guests are coming to town from

Ladysmith, Comox and Port Alberni. Local municipal politicians, retired and serving CAF Members, members of the business community, and (curious) like-minded civilians are all coming together for this special event. Col Mike Atkins, Commander of 19 Wing Comox will be our Guest-of-Honour. The chefs have been notified of our food preferences. The band,

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Nanaimo, 22 October 2018...mid-September, I had this column just about print-ready for the October Newsletter, but decided to warehouse at the time for something more pressing & topical. The delay was opportune.

For those who attended the subsequent September Lunch Meeting, Dr Noakes left us with something over which to do some serious musing. His overview of the dangerously precarious state of the Global Fishery was an eye-opener for most of us. So were his well-documented arguments in favour of an evolving Canadian aquaculture industry. Dr Noakes' report to the Institute also served to correct a false impression left in a 2015 Musing of mine on Chinese seafood consumption. Chinese seafood consumption really is

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the **equivalent** of the 90 million tons Annual Global Seafood Catch, but much of that consumption is actually the product of China's own growing aquaculture food industry, based around both salt & fresh water “factories.” While we toy with & whine about aquaculture here in BC, the Chinese and many other South East Asian countries have simply leaped ahead, trying to solve a critical food shortage problem for themselves. They're the worker ants; we're the

playboy grasshoppers.

Currently though, some 90 % of the available natural global fish stock is actually being “harvested” from the seas each year. It only takes one year of East Coast cod-style overfishing, replicated more globally, or, a major outbreak of disease in the global natural or aquaculture seafood industry, to put an essential food source in dire straits. Dr Noakes addressed all of that in his presentation to us. However, he also cited the risks that global population overgrowth represents for humanity, as global food sources dangerously deplete and the Globe warms.

This people overgrowth problem led me to revisit my August 2004 Column on the beginning shift of global populace from the Southern Hemisphere to the Northern one, and, more generally, from East to West. As predicted, that shift really is occurring; things are still getting worse. Total Fertility Rates (TFR) are exploding in Asia (China and Japan excepted), in Africa & in South America. This all occurs at the very time when TFR have largely dropped below sustainable rates for Russia, Northern Europe and North America. The affluent just don’t grow big families; the poor and the idle do. For South-East Asians and many Africans, their problems of over-population in respect to reliable food sources, and, the growing challenge in securing reliable year-round sources of potable water, have already passed the crisis point. Canada and some other northern nations may be awash in consumable water; but, most of an acquisitive World isn’t.

For the moment, the West is struggling to find ways to deal with just 85 million displaced persons. While the numbers entering Canada are relatively small, the surge of illegal self-declared refugees from Trump America alone “appears to be” stretching our absorption potential. But, in reality, it’s may only be our patience that’s short! Likewise, Europe last year struggled to find room for roughly one million refugees. But, patience is drying up in Europe too, as progressive governments are being displaced by several Trump-like retrogressive ones. By 2029, the number of refugees and migrants afloat globally will be in the 320 million-plus range. This estimate by an American

non-government think tank is not much short of four times the numbers today. That guess is almost certainly going to turn-out to be a gross underestimate.

Complicating this is the growing shift of people, globally again, out of the rural areas into urban climes. Small farms and subsistence farming are becoming passé. The population of some metropolitan mega-cities already exceeds Canada’s total population of some 35 million! This trend seems irreversible now, with one study indicating that two out of every three humans will be living in

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cities by mid-century. Imagine the ghettos, slums, street-crime and tent camps that will represent! Imagine the impact on municipal infrastructures and on the delivery of essential services! Canada meanwhile, with a TFR of 1.7, is about one-birth for every adult female short of just staying even in population. Worse for us is that many of the births that do occur here, occur in the families least able socially or economically to support themselves. Make no mistake in what I argue; it takes about 300,000 immigrants a year for Canada to just keep our population count steady! Our problem then is one of managing who comes in and how or even if they can be absorbed into our own unique, too often ill-defined, melting pot. Open, undermanaged borders are not part of the solution. Refugees, other than those sensibly screened and processed in advance of reaching our shores or border, should be refused entry. That is not inconsistent with the

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The road to peace: Canada's Hundred Days

By Emily Monks, August 7, 2018

After years of static trench warfare, the Allies' Hundred Days Offensive, which took place over the final 100 days of the First World War, succeeded in breaking the trench line and returning the belligerents to warfare on open ground. A rapid series of Allied victories ultimately pushed the Germans out of France and behind the Hindenburg Line, leading to the Armistice of November 11, 1918.

Following the successful attack on Vimy Ridge, the Canadian Corps did not lose a significant offensive operation for the remainder of the First World War. Having earned their reputation as "shock troops", they were put into the line in the most difficult battlefields. As British Prime Minister David Lloyd George later wrote in his mem-

oirs, "Whenever the Germans found the Canadian Corps coming into the line they prepared for the worst." True to form, during the period from August 8 to November 11, 1918, the four Canadian Divisions of roughly 100,000 men caused the defeat or retreat of

47 German divisions or one-quarter of Germany's fighting forces on the Western Front. Canadians fought at Amiens, Arras, the Hindenburg Line, Canal du Nord, Brouillon Wood, Cambrai, Denain and Valenciennes. These battles, which were instrumental in the defeat of the German Army, came to be known as "Canada's Hundred Days". In the final month of



German prisoners captured by Canadians after the Battle of Amiens, August 1918.

the war, Canadian troops engaged retreating

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This month's Luncheon/Meeting will be held at

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7727 LANTZVILLE ROAD

on

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2018

1130 HOURS

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Yes, it's Membership Renewal Time!!!

As is provided for in our Constitution, existing Ordinary, Associate and Family Plan memberships **expire on January 2nd 2019**.

At our upcoming 10 October Luncheon Meeting, Tony Pearson, our Director Membership Services, will be available to accept both new and renewal memberships for 2019.

Membership tariffs remain unchanged from this past year:

- ◆ Ordinary Membership - \$50.00
- ◆ Associate Membership - \$50.00
- ◆ Family Plan Membership - \$75.00

Payment of membership fees can be made either by cash or cheque (at the luncheon meeting), by cheque (via Canada Post), or by email fund transfer. Email fund transfers can be directed to our President at ejpeeters@shaw.ca. Please use security code password RENEWAL.

For Renewal Memberships, please complete the Membership Renewal Form (attached to the emailed version of this News Letter) and submit it along with your payment. If payment made in person, a new 2019 Membership Card will be immediately issued to you. If payment made via CPC or email, your new membership card will be mailed to you.

For New Memberships, please use the attached New Membership Application Form.

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The wounded arrive at a Canadian field dressing station, Battle of Amiens, August 1918.

on November 10 to 11, 1918. The location of this final battle was highly symbolic for the Allies, as it was at Mons that the British had fought the Germans for the first time on August 23, 1914.

Following the successful attack on Vimy Ridge, the Canadian Corps did not lose a significant offensive operation for the remainder of the First World War. Having earned their reputation as “shock troops”, they were put into the line in the most difficult battlefields. As British Prime Minister David Lloyd George later wrote in his memoirs, “Whenever the Germans found the Canadian Corps coming into the line they prepared for the worst.” True to form, during the period from August 8 to November 11, 1918, the four Canadian Divisions of roughly 100,000 men caused the defeat or retreat of 47 German divisions or one-quarter of Germany’s fighting forces on the Western Front. Canadians fought at Amiens, Arras, the Hindenburg Line, Canal du Nord, Brouillon Wood, Cambrai, Denain and

Valenciennes. These battles, which were instrumental in the defeat of the German Army, came to be known as “Canada’s Hundred Days”. In the final month of the war, Canadian troops engaged retreating German forces in a running series of battles over 70 kilometres, ending at Mons, Belgium, on November 10 to 11, 1918. The location of this final battle was highly symbolic for the Allies, as it was at Mons that the British had fought the Germans for the first time on August 23, 1914.

While Canadian successes were widely acknowledged, they came at a high cost: in the final hundred days, Canada suffered fully 20 percent of their total battle-sustained casualties of the war. Both the loss of lives and the victories of battle in Canada’s Hundred Days are commemorated on the le Quesnel Memorial, the Dury Memorial and the Brouillon Wood Memorial. The Canadian liberation of Mons is

marked by a plaque at the City Hall of Mons.

Emily Monks-Leeson is an archivist in Digital Operations at Library and Archives Canada.

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“Nanaimo Concert Ensemble” has been conducting practices to ensure that every note is properly played. Arrangements have been made with Capt (Retd) Gavin Cooper to provide some interesting table centre-pieces—all in efforts to make this a very memorable event.

It’s not too late to get in on the Commemorative Dinner. If you have not as of yet made your reservation, please email me to confirm your seat. I extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to all the Members of the Board that have worked so hard to make this the event of the year.

Hope to see you all on November 17th.

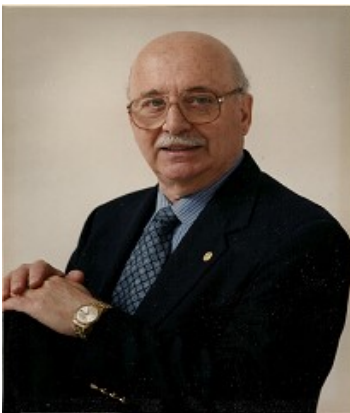
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1951 Convention and 1967 Protocol on refugee management. If they arrive willy-nilly on foot or by vehicle, ship or plane, just "U-turn" them. Of course, some will get in anyway or will overstay an otherwise legal visit to Canada. Any Refugee Appeal hearings should be immediate on the spot, with the decisions of the Refugee Protection Division's review final. If necessary, Section 33 (the Notwithstanding Clause) of our Charter of Rights & Freedoms should be invoked. Expulsions should be equally prompt; no more hand wringing molly-coddling.

The principal objections to cleaning up our processes will come from the 21st Century versions of what used to be legal ambulance chasers; the Barristers & Solicitors specializing in Immigration and Refugee cases. Libertarians and the self-styled progressive political left will also join in the hand-wringing and gnashing of teeth. I'm not arguing for a shut-door policy on migrants. Our record since 1945 has been exemplary. But, we don't need the UN's Refugee Convention as an out-of-our-control rod for our own backs. The blips are only occurring because our hospitality and admission processes are being abused. We are simply arguing that the welcoming gatekeepers should be found and relied on at our diplomatic posts abroad.

Remember too, here and in in our earlier Confluence Series, I cited the near-certainty that the flood of displaced persons globally will jump from the



millions to the hundreds of millions this century. Diversity and the notion of a community-of-communities are illusory. We're leaving one helluva mess for our generational-grandchildren to clean-up. A great legacy, that!

This Musing Column is again that of Colonel (Ret'd) W.J. (Bill) McCullough, MSC, CD, a Past President of this Institute and the long-time Chair of our Military Committee. As always, the views expressed are his own.

LUNCHEON MEETING ATTENDANCE

Your telephone contact coordinator will attempt to contact you in the days prior to our monthly luncheon/meeting in order to confirm your attendance. In this manner we can provide attendance numbers to the volunteer kitchen staff at RCL 257 so that they may prepare adequately for our function.

If for some reason she has missed you, please contact
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USINNI SNOWBALL WIN



We had a winner! At last month's luncheon meeting, **Maj (Retd) William Adamson's** name was drawn for the SNOWBALL. Congratulations! At our next luncheon, Dec, 12th, 2018, we will be starting a new SNOWBALL! Join us.