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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."
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A Serious Offense

It seems that in Montreal national registration certificates, filled in over forged signatures, have been stolen and sold to a number of persons who thereby were enabled to evade the National Registration Act.
The federal authorities, says the Montreal Gazette, properly take a very serious view of what has happened.

Business Summary

Under the stimulus of the progressive enlargement of the country's war effort, says the Bank of Montreal Monthly Report, Canadian industry is rapidly being geared up to the highest scale of production in its history and general business is naturally profiting from the consequent enlargement of the national income and purchasing power.
Not only are most plants that are capable of making munitions operating at virtually full capacity but the number of new plants which are being constructed for the manufacture of chemicals, explosives, shells and other munitions have recently been augmented; the total sum allocated for the construction of these new plants, which are jointly financed by the Canadian and British Governments, now exceeds \$150,000,000 and more are projected.

were not to exceed 400 million bushels, there would probably remain an exportable surplus of at least 450 million bushels having in mind the substantial carry-over of 273 million bushels which more than takes care of the purchase of 100 million bushels by Britain and domestic requirements of about 120 million bushels.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The leaves of poison ivy, alternately borne on the stem, are compound, consisting of three serrated leaflets as in the strawberry legend; "Leaves of three, let it be." The leaves are firm, smooth and glossy; the margins may be entire or coarsely-notched in early summer clusters of small, whitish flowers arise from the axils of the leaves; these are succeeded by round, dull white berries the size of a field pea.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is understood the conversion of Beach Grove into military quarters will cost in the vicinity of \$150,000.

His Excellency the Governor-General and Her Royal Highness Princess Alice will pay their first visit to this royal named province this week.

A very large number of Islanders visited the mainland over the week-end, and not a few failed to make connection with the last Car Ferry on Sunday night.

These days not a few cities and towns are prospering immensely due to war conditions—in Halifax, for instance, hotel accommodation is always at a premium.

Sir Rowland Hill, British Statesman died this date 1879—invented rotary press for newspapers; originator of penny postage, which he succeeded in getting the government to adopt in 1839; also invented adhesive stamps.

The evacuee children now at Mrs. Edwin Stewart's Bellevue Farm under ten days quarantine are having "a whale of a time" according to reports. They are under the supervision of Miss Jessie Fullerton, Mr. John Denny, Miss Phyllis Reagh, Miss Helen Lawson.

According to Constantine Halikas, supreme Governor for the Greek-American Order of Ahepa in Canada, Canadian Ahepans' allegiance would remain with Canada despite the threat of Italian-Grecian war. "Much as we love our mother country," he added, "any assistance to be given in the war will be through Canada."

Most picturesque group of volunteers who have yet presented themselves for enlistment in the A. I. F. (Australia's expeditionary force, which is now more than 80,000 strong), is an entire Salvation Army band, which marched to the drill hall of the Royal Melbourne Regiment. The band leader, Arthur Gullege, offered his 25 players as a body, and within an hour they were the band of the 2-22nd Battalion, having exchanged the Salvation Army navy blue for khaki, and their caps for the Australian "digger" felt hat.

The use of producer gas instead of petrol for internal combustion engines is increasing in Western Australia. It was reported at a meeting of the Council for the Development of Industries that about 850 tractors and 300 cars and trucks were operating on producer gas, and that at least 12 firms were making producer gas units, the total weekly output being about 30 plants. The Producer Gas Co-ordination Committee recommended to the Government that 25 units of various makes should be fitted to Government motor vehicles, and 16 vehicles have been equipped. It was stated that the remainder would be equipped in the near future. The Federal Government has been asked for permission to raise capital for companies to manufacture producer gas plants and to produce charcoal.

An interesting story of the rise and progress of modern newspapers in U. S. A. is given in a book recently issued from the press from the pen of Mr. Neil MacNeill, assistant managing Editor of the New York Times. Mr. MacNeill was born in Boston but spent much of his youth with his grandfather at Baddeck, on the Bras d'Or Lakes. He attended St. Francis Xavier University and lived for a few years in Sydney during the days of the boom and the Russo-Japanese War. For some years he lived in Montreal, and was city editor of the Daily Mail and military editor of The Gazette. The author's closing words are: "Regardless of what is said here, the future remains uncertain for newspapers and for journalists as for everything else. A dictatorship, of either the right or the left, could come like a blight and wipe out our free press along with our other basic liberties. Newspaper editors will resist such a calamity with all their might knowing that full and free expression of opinion is even more important to them than it is to the other citizens of the republic. Given a free country, with political freedom, the American press will walk abreast of the nation's progress, and will not be found wanting."

Many years ago there was a popular song concerning a certain "Bill Jones," of which the last line of the chorus ran "I don't know where 'e are." Any German parachutist who descends from the skies upon Britain probably will be in the same predicament as "Bill Jones," for he certainly won't "know where 'e are." Even the British often are not quite sure of their whereabouts. This is all because in recent weeks word has gone ahead to obliterate every indication of locality. Generations ago sign posts were set up along the highways and lanes, and these stood at their stations until recently. The fingers of these posts bore such legends as "To London, 10 miles" or "To Bristol, 5 miles," or, to take more remote places, "To Moreton-in-the-Marsh, 2 miles," or "To Stow-in-the-Wold, 1 mile." All these are being removed. Then, too, all along the old highways stand milestones, which in the most cases have rested there for centuries. These, too, are being removed or the inscriptions chipped out. Those are old markers. There are others which are relatively new. Set in the fields along the railways, in normal times, may be seen advertisements. Beneath the signs there usually was hung a smaller board—saying, "London—20 miles." These also are going.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of any subject of interest. The CharloTTetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

ENDORSED BY PREMIER

Sir—I have much pleasure in endorsing the Women's Voluntary Registration which is now being held throughout Canada. This move started several months ago, and I understand that it is a more detailed and comprehensive in its scope than the National Registration which has just been completed. I feel that it will greatly assist in coordinating the valuable work which is being done by the women of Canada, both individually and through their various organizations.

THANE A. CAMPBELL, Premier of Prince Edward Island.

MR. KING'S DILEMMA

Sir—Just before prorogation Prime Minister King was asked by the C.C.F. Leader if and when a bill would be put to export of war material to Japan. His only reply was to bark out another question: "Does Mr. Coldwell wish to see England with another war?"

But our "War Cabinet" has another nut to crack. For now the farmers of Dunoon Vancouver Island, demand a law protecting ownership of Canadian lands by Canadians.

After deep thought—I'm glad I am, Sir, etc. Lieutenant-Colonel (R.C.M.C.) Vancouver B.C.

FISHERMEN'S GARDENS

Sir—In his letter in Saturday's Guardian Hon. W. H. Dennis gave an exceedingly interesting account of the practice in the Government's supervision of the fishermen at several different points of their summer and winter supply. This is a most commendable project and one in which it is to be hoped the Government will continue to send their assistance until most if not all the fishermen of the Island have gardens of their own.

of our great fleet of World War destroyers, the sale of more of our torpedoes—also of the new motor torpedo boats—all these things are possible, and with vigor and resolution could be done. The last bastion of our defenses in Europe can still be held, and we believe the country will be behind a policy of boldness and vigor in the policy.—New York Herald Tribune.

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Canada And Newfoundland

(Financial Post) Though there is bitter disagreement as to whether or not Canada should formally unite with Newfoundland, events are rapidly bringing these two countries more closely together.

Newfoundland is now the outpost of North American defense. From her excellent air bases, hostile aircraft could range along the east coast of the continent. Vast forces could use the island as a jumping-off point for American invasion. It is a fact which Prime Minister King and President Roosevelt undoubtedly discussed last week end. Already Canadian troops are stationed in the Colony and Canada has assumed responsibility for its defense.

The economics of the two countries offer no very sound basis for political union. The Maritimes and Newfoundland are competitors on world fish markets. Pulp and paper are exported by both countries. With the exception of iron ore, most of the Colony's chief products are complementary to our own.

Then, too, there are the Colony's high public debt, its different standards of living, its system of customs taxation. All these are formidable barriers to hasty political action. They suggest that it would be advantageous to both countries to continue to co-operate as at present in defense, currency and foreign exchange control, etc., rather than to consider political union.

"Parashot Shell"

(Halifax Chronicle) One of the staff of Field and Stream has been doing some experiments with anti-parashot weapons. The experiments arose from his belief that parashot attack, though remote, was nevertheless an emergency for which the United States should be prepared. The lessons overseas, he maintains, teach the value of preparedness.

Ordinary rifle fire can do little damage to the chutes. Machine guns are more effective but are difficult to obtain in large quantities. Even incendiary bullets lack effectiveness. The parashot has landed before the chute is burning enough to lose its efficiency.

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THE SECRETARY, Salt Fish Board, Halifax, N. S.

The Minute Men of Canada

The minute men of Canada Go marching up and down, And some are clad in navy blue, And some in khaki brown, Some clean the clouds in aeroplane, And some do plough the main; For Justice, God and Liberty, Behold, they fight again.

The minute men of Canada Go working round the clock, Some turning screws in arsenal, Some ponder in laboratories, And some strange cargoes bring, And deem in mighty forests, Some make their axes ring.

The minute men of Canada Have never feared a foe, They rock not of the U-boat; They sing in mighty song, "To Hell with Adolf Hitler, And his foul Nazi throng!"

They rally round for Canada, Both men and women, too, "Dieu sauve le Roi! God Save the King!" 'Tis all the same to you, "O Canada," we all must sing, Our banners are unfurled, Till Justice, God and Liberty Shall rule throughout the world. —B. C. B. in the Montreal Gazette.

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