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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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About Those Farm Markets

Reports of the Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference held in Ottawa recently would indicate that some major changes may have to be made in Canada's farm production.

The farmer who has gone in for hogs finds himself in an ambiguous situation. No one in authority is prepared to tell him either to go ahead or to stop.

In other words the officials are prepared to give the farmers all the advice they need on how to grow hogs, will give them all the facts and figures, but whether there will be purchasers for the finished product remains the unknown quantity.

It appeared from conference reports, adds the exchange, that the poultry farmers and milk producers have a more favourable outlook.

The impression still prevails that farmers are one class who will benefit, through increased prices and greater demand, as a result of war.

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In the smaller industries where it will not interfere seriously with the operation of the plant to require the individual to take his card to his own registration booth, this method will in fact be insisted upon by the Department of National War Services.

Liberal Papers Critical

The Halifax Chronicle (Liberal) complains that in one respect at least Canada's war production programme, as outlined in Parliament this week, is disappointing.

Our Halifax contemporary rightly says that the "outlying Provinces" are contributing their share of men and money to enable Canada to carry on. They give generous support to fund raising campaigns for war purposes; but when munitions and supplies are to be produced, the Central Provinces are given the contracts.

"The Maritime Provinces," says the Chronicle, "are determined to support the war effort to the limit, but that is no reason why they should be slighted by the Administration. If their

people were given a fair chance to supply munitions and war materials in a much larger way, there would be fewer idle people in Eastern Canada, war production would be hastened, and all would be better able to meet the wartime taxes and to make some savings which the government could borrow.

"Let it not be forgotten that the men and women of these provinces, for the most part, are earnest and efficient workers, among the best in Canada. Besides awarding war orders, the government is supplying capital for the creation of war industries in the Central provinces. Instead of placing taxpayers' money for war production entirely in the Central areas, one or two thousand miles from Eastern ports, it would be prudent business if the Maritimes were used."

EDITORIAL NOTES

About 3,000 of our young men are now in arms off the Island—which, at the low spending rate of \$5 per head per week, amounts to a pretty tidy sum taken out of our circulation. What are the Government doing to replace this?

Thomas Gainsborough, one of the thirty original members of the Royal Academy, died this date, 1788. He, more than any other artist, should be called the father of English painting. The greatest colourist of the early British School, he was rapid and facile in execution, dignified and graceful in expression, absolutely true to life and nature, and essentially English in sentiment.

Our Canadian capital, it is understood, is being considered by the Hapsburg family as the future home of the former Austrian ruling house. If its members decide affirmatively, former Empress Zita, her son, Otto, and the rest of the family will buy or lease a house there.

President Roosevelt has prohibited the export of petroleum products and scrap metal except under license, effective August 1. The order, while subject to extension at any time under the President's national defence powers restricts the licensing to aviation gasoline, aviation high grade lubricating oil, tetraethyl lead, which is used in the production of high octane aviation gasoline, and No. 1 heavy melting iron and steel scrap.

Leaders of a new cult in that land of ever new religions, California, have just been indicted on charges of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. It is called "The I Am Foundation, and those indicted include Mrs. Edna Ballard and young Donald Ballard, widow and son of the movement's founder, Guy Ballard, who called himself St. Germain and contended he was a reincarnation of George Washington.

An English entomologist has noticed that butterflies are no longer to be found in those localities of the countryside which are used for either target practice or for experimentation with explosives. Three theories have been advanced for the phenomenon: the insects are simply frightened away and seek quieter localities, the constant detonations shatter their delicate nervous system and prevent for a time their propagation; the vibrations of the air caused by the detonations not only do this but ultimately destroy them entirely.

A long standing grievance of business men may be remedied soon should the Mackenzie King Government summon sufficient courage to make civil servants' salaries subject to garnishee. A bill for the purpose in Manitoba received second reading in the Senate when Government leader Dandurand explained there were about 1,300 civil servants in Manitoba who refused to pay their provincial taxes.

In troubled times like these it is not surprising that countries like the United States and Canada are re-examining their place and their past. And there's more to it than a longing for "the good old days" and an escape from an industrialized and politically divided world, asserts Farnsworth Crowder, president of the American scene, writing in the Rotarian Magazine.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The American people know that their might, when organized, will not be used for aggression. They know, too, that the Government will not send men to fight in European wars. Under these circumstances they are unlikely to boggle over the expenditure of ten billions, or any other sum needed, to preserve the institutions of their country and to make it so strong that even a madman will hesitate to attack it.

If America is to be destroyed it will not be by force but by ideas. The great defeat of recent years is the defeat sustained by Germany. Don't be deceived because Germany can roll her tanks over the broken bodies of Frenchmen from the warships in the skies destroy libraries, and scatter the thoughts of the ages were accumulated and beat down the ancient churches, prayers in stone, where men adored their best ideals these many years. It is Germany that lies in ruins at this time, because men and women are not permitted there to live freely and generously for the good of the human race as each sees best.

"France must return to her agricultural and peasant character." These are not Hitler's words. They are the words of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, addressing the Reichstag in Berlin. They are shocking words, almost as shocking as was the announcement of the fall of Paris. In these words all France seems to fall, and Hitler's theory of a "reintegrated" Europe finds expression in the mouth of a distinguished Frenchman.

There was an interesting point raised by Mr. J. Priestley, the well known British author, in his broadcast under the title of "Talk on the World Welfare" last night. Mr. Priestley's remarks dealt with American radio broadcasters' comments on the agreement to close temporarily the Burma Road which has been carrying American war supplies to China. He assured his American listeners that most people in Britain are ready to fight for the ideals and aspirations common to the peoples of Britain and the United States.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charter members of the association are requested to send the opinions of correspondents.

WHERE WERE OUR MEMBERS?

Sir,—According to a news item from your city appearing in the John's Telegraph-Journal on Monday, Mr. J. V. Boulter of the P. E. I. Potato Growers' Association, is reported to have said that the Association intends to press Agriculture Minister Gardiner to withhold the application of the ten per cent import tax or Tariff on fertilizer and spraying material.

It appears to me as though Mr. Boulter and his association are going to be a little too late. They have had ample time since the budget was brought down over a month ago to take some action in this matter, and the writer together with hundreds of potato growers in this part of New Brunswick, feel that it is a most regrettable thing that you Island members in Parliament did not support our farmer representative, Mr. H. H. Hatfield, when he pressed to have the tax set aside on fertilizer and spraying material.

Western members of Parliament, while they were not able to have the tax taken off farm machinery, were offered a compromise in that they were given a processing tax on wheat which will mean at least \$1,000,000 for them this year. It took the form, as you likely know of 15 cents per bushel on domestic consumption. This would appear, however, that Island members, is mostly always the case, preferred to play politics, and supported their party instead of the farmers and potato growers, whom they were sent to Ottawa to represent for the next four years.

Had our member Mr. Hatfield, had the support our farmers in the Brunswick feel we were entitled to by your members from the Island, he would have been able to save the Island farmers at least \$200,000 from that tax this year. It is unfortunate that party politics is such a factor to the detriment of our Maritime agriculture. I hope it may not be too late for them to make some move in support of their farmers' interests before the session closes, which may happen this week. I am, Sir, etc.

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The Nazi Bluff

A Myth Exploded by "Rynymede"

(Reprinted from "The Legionary," National magazine of the Canadian Legion.)

The directors of these various agencies of espionage, disaffection, political demerity and sabotage are not of the type beloved by fiction writers. On the contrary, they are general, personable young men (and women) carefully selected for their jobs. The women are in many cases the more intelligent, the nobility who have for long been the most fanatical adherents of Hitler. Disarming creatures, they, of course, give the "lie" to the allied conviction that the Germans are merely educated savages.

Before the war many of these agents are well known. Their engaging manners and their ability made them very popular. They were paragons of propriety, inspired only with the idea of helping to build up a Fatherland whose contribution to world order would be real and enduring.

Such were the scouts and skirmishers of the new military arm. Their work was to infiltrate, to install themselves in the potential enemy's country and, by conducting apparently legitimate enterprises, divert the suspicious of the prospective victim. Their objective was to bring about a complete breakdown of the ordinary citizen. These efficient agents few at higher game, and they were thoroughly at their ease attending the cocktail parties of the "First Families."

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