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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."
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A Much Needed Innovation

A movement has been started by a number of interested persons to integrate a farmers' livestock exchange, Mr. Lee Essex is active in the matter, and arrangements have been made with Mr. John Wood, Brackley Point Road, near the airport to place his farm as the base of the promoters to which all kinds of livestock and implements may be sent to be sold or leased. Periodic auctions will be held, and the stock and articles disposed of to the highest bidder on a cash basis. Mr. Alexander McRae, Glasgow Road, having undertaken to act as auctioneer. A small commission to defray necessary expenses will be charged, possibly 1 per cent or 2 per cent according to circumstances. This exchange and auction will fill a long felt want, and only requires the cooperation of the farmers to make it a success. All interested parties should be kept advised by the following list of names. To accommodate the farmers, the following lists will be available at the rates.

"Black Market" in Gasoline

In Montreal a black market through which 750,000 gallons of gasoline are said to have been sold illegally since September has been uncovered. It was a well organized criminal plot. A young printer's apprentice stole printed sheets of gasoline coupons and sold them to two other men who distributed the tickets in wholesale quantities at from five to seven cents per coupon. These sellers, according to the news report of the Montreal Gazette, "sold the coupons retail to taxi-cab owners, gasoline station attendants, garage owners and private individuals at prices ranging from 88 to \$15 per book of 60 coupons." Gasoline stations reimbursed themselves by charging favored customers more per gallon than the market price. "A number of taxicab owners," according to the Gazette, used the stolen coupons for their own cars, thus were able to evade the ration restrictions. Three men have been arrested, have pleaded guilty. Twenty-one service stations in Montreal have been padlocked. The police say more arrests may be made, and the investigation is continuing. It is not so far, very drastic treatment of a set-up which must have involved literally hundreds of persons in prolonged and systematic law-breaking.

The exposure in Montreal, says the Ottawa Journal, has shown how a criminal enterprise of this sort can make a joke of wartime regulations, and it is time sharper measures were taken to put down greedy, unscrupulous, selfish persons who traffic in a commodity without which the war cannot be won.

Russian Icebreakers

We do not need to be reminded in this Province of the value and importance of icebreakers. Some of the finest steamers of this class in the world are in the service of our Russian allies. An article on the subject in the current issue of the Canadian Geographical Journal makes interesting reading. Russia's icebreakers work far away north of the Arctic Circle. Without them it would have been impossible for the convoys to reach northern Russia during the critical months of last winter, when every weapon was turned to the front. The icebreakers not only cleared the way through the heaving, shifting icebergs. Their task in winter is to clear the life-line of the northern provinces, and in spring and summer to shear open the Arctic Northeast Passage along the Arctic coast between Russia and Siberia to Vladivostok, a route safe from any enemy.

Up to 1937, Russian icebreakers were built abroad, notable English firms such as Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., and Swan Hunter, laying down some of them. Some of these ships are still in service, although the Soviets are replacing them as quickly as possible. They have a splendid record, acting as laboratories, observatories, training-ships, and making many discoveries, besides carrying on their usual work of escorting ships through the ice. The trouble is that, due to the nature of their job, they burn enormous quantities of coal. They are able to remain away from port only 25 days without returning to refuel. For this reason they are being superseded by more powerful oil-burning vessels, built in Russia. The most extraordinary adventure experienced by one of these veteran breakers was that of the Sadko. She sank during the last war, lay derelict for years off the Arctic Coast, but was eventually raised and refitted after a notable salvage feat, and still carries on her life's warfare against the ice. (One wonders what the Soviet Government would have done in the case of the sinking of a steamer like the S.S. Charlottetown.)

Several new vessels were planned for service in the Far North. Among them are the Joseph Stalin, Kaganovitch, Molotov, and Otto Schmidt. Exactly how far the programme had advanced when war began is not known with accuracy, but the flagship, Joseph Stalin, had gone to the Far North and a second vessel was probably

launched. These are the last word in ice-breakers, magnificent ships of 11,000 to 12,000 tons, developing 12,000 horsepower, and carrying two planes for reconnaissance work. Powerful radio keeps the Joseph Stalin in touch with all scientific stations in the Arctic, with her fellow icebreakers along the Northern Seaway, and with Moscow. In calm water she has a speed of 15 knots and her steel ribs and bows are capable of resisting the fiercest ice pressure. She is equipped with every modern device, electric pumps and power, fresh-water distillation equipment, and even refrigerators.

At the time war broke out a wonderful vessel was under construction for the Soviet Government in a Dutch shipyard—the first passenger and cargo liner expressly designed for travel in the Arctic. The Nazi invasion of Holland means she is never destined to see the Far North. Planned to supply passenger and freight services along Russia's Polar coast, the liner was to have been 500 feet long, and the plans provided for two hulls, the inner one insulated from the outer so that the intense cold could not find its way into the luxurious cabins. There were to be 500 of these, and travellers would have been able to enjoy magnificent ice and cliff scenery, even though the temperature was far below freezing point, so perfectly had everything been planned. She was designed to do 20 knots in open water, about three knots more than most fast cargo vessels.

The usual practice is to have the icebreakers stationed at strategic points along the Northern Seaway to shepherd the convoys. About two hundred ships use the route every season. The most difficult portions of the route are at the southern end of Novaya Zemlya, where the icebreakers help ships through the Kara Strait; then they are taken over by the next escort, which assists them through the Kara Sea and on past the mouth of the Yenisei through the central and most northerly, and therefore most difficult part of the route; and the remaining icebreakers operate in the difficult channels of the New Siberian Islands and the Bering Strait.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The address recently delivered by Mr. J. O. Hyndman before the Charlottetown Rotary Club, on "Prince Edward Island Transportation," has been printed in pamphlet form; copies may be obtained by applying to the Secretary of the Club.

The Prices Board, since its establishment, has allowed increases in the price of 11 items necessarily purchased by farmers for production purposes, said a return tabled in the House of Commons by Finance Minister Isley, for Mr. Robert Fair (N.D. Battle River). The return said most farm products were exempt from the price ceiling but ceiling prices had been raised on farm produce in 17 instances.

Halifax sought authority to buy the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, the \$10,000,000 utility that supplies Halifax with electricity, gas and tramcar service, but had its request deferred by the provincial government. At a special meeting the city council decided to seek enabling legislation from the Nova Scotia Legislature, now in session, to permit the purchase. However, at an interview later in the day with provincial government members, a city delegation was advised it was too late in the session for legislation of this nature. The Legislature is due to adjourn in a few days.

Seventy-four head of pure-bred Holstein cattle from the Canadian Pacific Railway, Strathmore, Alta., herd were disposed of for a total of \$30,400, or an average value of \$495 per head, as stockmen from all over Canada and the United States crowded the Markham fair ground for the sale. High price of the day was \$1,575, paid for three-year-old Strathmore Lenore Heilo richly bred daughter of Colony Vale Romeo Sir Heilo, senior herd sire at Strathmore, who himself sold for \$825. Lenore was bought by Armstrong Brothers, Brampton, Ont. The bull was purchased by Mr. W. J. Wood, Alliston, Ont.

Ian Hay, (John Hay Beith), Scottish novelist and essayist, born this date 1876; served as Captain in the Great War and won the M.C.; subsequently was engaged in war work in the United States, and was created C.B.E. for his services in getting the United States to enter on the side of the Allies; in the present war his services have been secured by the British Information Board, and he again visited the United States his services again being invaluable in paving the way for Congress to approve of war after Pearl Harbour; his literary work includes "Pip," "The Right Stuff," "A Man's Man," "A Safety Match," "A Knight on Wheels," "The First Five Hundred Thousand," "The Lost Million," "The Shallow End," and "The Tiltle of Bloomsday"; "We are an ancient and dignified people, and you cannot teach an old dog new tricks."

Hon. P. J. Cardin is expected to take a definite stand against the Government's policy of co-operation with the rest of the nation, but it is believed that he hopes to do this by capturing at least some of the Liberal Party machine, and not by an open break with his Party. A division of opinion results among Liberal Members from Quebec at Ottawa. Excluding those who have broken openly with the Party, one-third are said to be in favour of open support of the War, and to be willing even to accept conscription for overseas service; one-third are determined to remain in the Liberal caucus as long as possible, and still hope to do so, without taking too many risks with their own voters, and one-third are fatalistically assuming that they and the Liberal Party are finished in Quebec. Competent French-Canadian observers, free from too-acute Party bias, insist that, if he is bold enough in his support of the War, Premier Godbout can safely depend on a majority in the next Legislature—but only if Mr. King undoes the mistake over-again. As for a quarter of a century, if the Liberals will be honest with Quebec, and admit that they were wrong over conscription, the good sense and basic loyalty of the Quebec people will assert themselves, says The Letter Review.

Notes By The Way

Who in Berlin remembers when "The Star" was a hideaway at Berchtesgaden, listening to the radio from every front?—Stratford Beacon-Herald

An example of what total war actually means to the people of a country was contained in a speech Sunday Labor Minister Ernest Bevin Great Britain. Ninety per cent of British women between the ages of 19 and 41, are in some kind of war service. Few countries will better that record.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

The story is told of the farmer who went to the air station, enquiring for his daughter was informed that she was in the mess. "She was always in the mess at home. But to offset that, a girl came out of the city to help on the farm. She was always in the mess at home. To be shown how to milk a cow, she looked the big cow over with much trepidation and then turning to the farmer said, "Could I not start on a little calf first?"—Trenton Courier-Advocate.

Because she teaches her students Negro spirituals, the folksongs of a people the Nazis consider an inferior race, and leads her class in singing songs by Mendelssohn, a woman teacher in The Hague has been accused of "Anglo-Saxon sabotage" by the Nazis. The teacher had the "temerity," the Nazis charged, to introduce the singing of Mendelssohn's works by telling her children: "This song was by Mendelssohn, who was a Jewish gentleman. His works may not be performed, so we shall sing them!"—From Knickerbocker Weekly.

The "nitrogen mustards" have appeared, a group of British agents, Brig-Gen Alden H. Watt states in The Infantry Journal. Like the well-known mustard gas, the nitrogen mustards are of several hours if heavy concentrations are breathed, a fatal action may be delayed as much as four days. The nitrogen mustards are harder to detect because they are nearly odorless, whereas regular mustard gas smells like garlic. Hence nitrogen mustards may not be detected unless special tests with sensitized papers and crayons are made.

The meat shortage appears to have increased interest in New England's beef cattle industry. Maine recently purchased 500 head of warren stock for farmers who are interested in raising cattle, and plans have been made to import more of the animals. In Massachusetts, Governor Saltonstall proposes to spend \$172,000 this year and next to buy cattle, which would be raised at State institutions. In other words, the State is not going to become a competitor of the West. But the projects remind us that our often maligned neighbors, the Massachusetts, have a great variety of farming enterprises. Our farmers have a knack of raising anything from cattle to peanuts.—Boston Post.

Oriental Flowering Cherry, as applied to the beautiful ranks of trees that surround the White House in Washington, D. C., and frame the new Jefferson Memorial, is not a wartime emotion, but the stigma of an enemy-alien name. Botanists in the U. S. Department of Agriculture have never called it anything else, insisting that the popularly bestowed title of Japanese Flowering Cherry was incorrect because the tree is not native to Japan, but to the Asiatic mainland, in particular Korea and China. Confirmation of this official stand, the U. S. Department of Agriculture Service, is now forthcoming from the Japanese embassy in Washington. The Japanese call the standard reference work that in Japan corresponds to the Encyclopaedia Britannica in English-speaking lands "The Japanese Cyclopaedia" definitely states that the tree is native to an island off the coast of Korea, and was brought to Japan in the last half of the nineteenth century.

The failure of our system of education, understood in the widest sense, is nowhere more apparent than when young people find themselves suddenly released from discipline, restrictions, and ordered framework of their lives. Some whose homes and schools, given them a sense of their own dignity, and also a sense of community, find themselves in a new freedom and the removal of barriers. The others, because they have been imperfectly taught, think that freedom means release, and the excellent prospects of not being taught give them licence to indulge any selfish or destructive whim that enters their heads. The result is that nothing very much is done about the irresponsibility until they are over and the lights go up again. The result is that the normal living can be restored. It will leave the nation with a substantial problem of post-war reconstruction to be carried out by the characters of a good many thousands of young people who have been living very much as they pleased and who must be re-educated as responsible citizens.—Glasgow Herald

General Sir Bernard Montgomery has originality not only in his tactics, which have repeatedly routed Marshal Rommel, but in his verbiage, which has on occasion made the newspaper correspondents reel recently from the header of the "desert fox" reported in a communique that "winking out" was proceeding. Americans, at least, were puzzled by the words, and using General Montgomery displayed a whimsical knowledge of the marine life on the shores of his native British Isles. One form of shellfish is the periwinkle, commonly called the "sea snail," which has a beautiful spiral shell, subsists upon oysters and other shellfish, and is notorious for its shells and are not hard to get at. But the winkle knows how to do the trick. He drills a hole through the shell and presto! He dives upon the bivalve's gills, strong points remaining in Southern Tunisia closely resembled the tightly closed oyster or mussel shells in the difficulties presented in penetrating and eliminating them. So General Montgomery's forces have adopted the methods of the humble periwinkle. One by one they penetrate the strong points and destroy the garrisons. "Winking" at it, and a very good term if anyone should ask.—Kansas City Star

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of current events and questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not assume any responsibility for the opinions of correspondents.

AN EASTER MESSAGE

"And when they had sung an hymn they went out." Jesus had made it clear that little company in the upper room that the time had come when he must take the Road to Calvary, what a staggering blow, what desolation must have swept over their hearts, nothing for them but sorrow and anguish and disappointment. For their Leader, the agony of Gethsemane. Yet in the face of it all, they sang an hymn no doubt one of praise and adoration. There are two sides to Calvary. The disciples could then see the cross, the cross that had been reared in all its wondrous glory by the blood of the Son of God. The cross had taken on new and triumphant meaning. How much easier now to sing a Hymn.

"Come then oh Living Christ, Feed us we pray Fought with thy wounded Hand Each common day." I am, Sir, etc., MRS. WILLIAM D. McEWEN, St. Peter's Harbor.

RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE

Sir,—I was keenly interested in an announcement of a conference on Rural Life, which is to be held in Charlottetown on May 8, under the chairmanship of Rev. D. K. Ross. We understand that Dr. Dawbor is a recognized authority on rural life problems, and that he is visiting the Island to direct two conferences on this vital matter. It is surely a step in the right direction.

There is, however, one thing which does not seem quite in keeping with the urgency of the conference and the importance of getting something worth-while from the discussions. The conference is for only two sessions, afternoon and evening. Yet the announcement reads: "The conference will be addressed by Hon. Mark R. McGuigan—Rev. Dr. J. A. Murphy—Mr. J. J. Godfrey—Miss Mary MacDonald—Mr. W. R. Shaw—Mr. J. J. Trainor—Dr. J. T. Dawbor, and the guest speaker, Dr. Dawbor. In other words, there are to be seven other speakers. The meeting of only two sessions. If Dr. Dawbor is the authority on rural life we are to understand him to be it would seem the part of wisdom to give him all of the very brief time he has available. If he is not to be, then why waste time and money by bringing Dr. Dawbor from New York to Prince Edward Island? It would appear that the committee on arrangements deems it advisable to make some recognition of the seven persons named in the announcement. That may be fitting and due to the urgency of the subject to be considered. Let us have a chance to hear Dr. Dawbor.

A RURAL DWELLER

I am, Sir, etc. Preachers And Potatoes ("Exter Hall" in the United Beloved Churchman) lay, here is an important theme for our contemplation and prayer—God for the Forces, truck through the streets, and the victuals for the victuals! To us comes the call to pray not only upon bended knee with a bent back and a caloused hand. Armed with the spade let us advance to do battle with the soil. To many, advice regarding operations will not be necessary, they are old hands and well experienced; but others will profit by it. Here is the opportunity for every man and woman, boy and girl in a fair state of health, to do something for Victory. The Church lawn, or a vacant lot, or even the back garden, are all legitimate spheres for our operations. Sphers of the inspiration that the citizens saw the grounds surrounding the Metropolitan Church being delved by the Pastor and his assistant, abetted by the Editor of the "Observer," and the Book Steward! It would probably dislocate the traffic on main street, and produce leaders both, approving of this exhibition of muscular Christianity. What not; the most effective weapon that we at home can produce to assist in winning the war is the soil. To the front, most of them have had no experience in warfare, but they obeyed the call. We must do the same, and assist all those comfortable habits of a long and prosperous peace, and get up earlier.

The Poet's Corner

Seven weeks of sea, and twice seven days of storm Upon the huge Atlantic, and once We ride into still water and the calm Of a sweet evening, screened by Of Spain and Barbary. Our tolls are o'er, Our exile is accomplished. Once We look on Europe, mistress as of yore Of the fair earth and of the hearts of men. Ay, this is the famed rock, which Hercules And Goliath and Moor bequeathed us. At this door England stands sentry God! to hear the shrill Sweet treble of her fifes upon the breeze And at the summons of the rock gun's roar To see her redcoats marching from the hill!—Wilfred Scawen Blunt

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND TEACHER'S FEDERATION
in
ANNUAL CONVENTION
PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE HALL
April 27th, 28th, 29th
Addresses by: Hon. Mark R. MacGuigan, Dr. H. H. Shaw, Superintendent of Education. Public Meeting Tuesday, April 27, 8.00 P. M. Guest speaker: Dr. Fletcher Peacock, Director of Education, Fredericton, N. B.

PUBLIC MEETING
IN SUPPORT OF
The Fourth Victory Loan Campaign
HUNTER RIVER April 15
MONTAGUE April 16
KENSINGTON April 19
SUMMERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL April 20
TOWN HALL, BORDEN April 21
CENTRAL BEDQUEE April 22
MOUNT STEWART April 23
SOURIS April 27
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DOMINION OF CANADA
PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
IN THE PROBATE COURT
The 25th day of March, A. D. 1943
In Re Estate of Michael J. Potts late of Summerside in Kings County in the said Province, Farmer deceased, testate.
To the Sheriff of the County of Kings County or any Constable or literate person within said County
GREETING:
WHEREAS upon reading the petition on file of Reverend King Higgins of Georgetown in Kings County aforesaid, Clergyman, and Catherine Walsh of Summerside aforesaid, Widow, the executor of the above named estate, praying that a citation may be issued for the purpose hereinafter set out, you are therefore hereby required to cite all persons interested in the said Estate to appear before the said Judge present at a Probate Court to be held in the Court House in Charlottetown in Kings County in the said Province, on Wednesday the 12th day of May next coming, at the hour of eleven o'clock forenoon of the same day to show cause if any they can why the Account of the said Estate should not be passed in said petition and on the prayer of J. J. Johnston, Esq., Proctor for said Estate.
And it is hereby ordered that a true copy hereof be forthwith published in some newspaper published in Charlottetown and appear once each week for at least four consecutive weeks from the date hereof and with posted in the following public places respectively, namely, in the Court House in Charlottetown in Kings County aforesaid, and in front of the School at Summerside aforesaid, so that all persons interested in the said Estate as aforesaid may have due notice thereof and appear in said petition and on the prayer of J. J. Johnston, Esq., Proctor for said Estate.
Witness My Hand and Seal of the said Court at Charlottetown aforesaid the day and year first above written.
By the Court (Sd.) MURIEL G. LOWTHER, Registrar.
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