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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Wives of Servicemen

The Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire has prepared an attractive handbook which is being presented in the Old Country to the wives of Canadian servicemen who have married abroad. The booklet, written by Dr. Charlotte Whitton, C.B.E., "From Kith to Kin," is of a size to fit into a handbag. It contains concise information upon Canada, its geography, history and government, its houses, trains, organizations, even concerning our pet corns.

It begins with a welcome: "We are glad to see you come, drawn by the same hope and courage, that, long ago, upheld the women who came before us in this land. You, like them, may find its life hard, even harsh at times, and your path may seem unknown and beset with difficulty but you will find strength in the thought that other women of your race have trod the same way long before you. They faced other and greater odds, hardship, suffering and heartbreak, such as you and we shall never be called to endure. Because they remained stout of spirit and steady under sacrifice and travail, we are a nation, fighting at your side today."

Miss Whitton puts in a cautionary word: "You will find our accents hard clipped in some parts of the country. - - - But do not make the mistake of saying you find we speak 'like the Americans.' Our accent is our own; nor is it necessarily uneducated or crude if it is not like yours."

Princess Alice has written the foreward:

"As wife of the Governor General of Canada and Honorary President of the Organization which has drawn up this little pamphlet, I would earnestly recommend it to all British women intending to start a home in Canada.

"Having myself spent the last four years in this country I know much about the people and the way they live. While in the main everything is the same as at home, yet there are some quite distinct differences, and I feel sure you will find all kinds of useful information in this booklet.

"I join with all concerned in wishing you "Bon Voyage" and a happy arrival in Canada."

Rubber And Wheat

During the past session of Parliament a sub-committee of the war expenditures committee investigated the whole range of rubber production in Canada. It called officials of the Polymer Corporation, the government-owned company which manufactures synthetic rubber and questioned research experts in all fields relating to the production of rubber. The committee's finding with regard to wheat and rubber can be summarized as follows:

"Unless radical and unexpected changes in the extraction of alcohol from wheat are made possible, or unless petroleum becomes prohibitive in price or impossible to obtain, the course followed by Polymer (in using petroleum as the base), will remain justifiable in the future, and the subsidizing of wheat in this regard will remain of very doubtful economic value to the country."

Canada had the choice of making the needed chemicals for synthetic rubber from either grain alcohol or from petroleum. The "petroleum route" was chosen because it was proved much cheaper than the other.

On the question of wheat versus petroleum, the parliamentary sub-committee obtained evidence from both the Polymer officials and experts of the National Research Council, and deduced that rubber could be produced from petroleum at less than half cost of production from alcohol. In January, 1944, the company did produce rubber from alcohol at 42 cents a pound. When it turned to petroleum it produced rubber at 23 cents a pound. Soon it will be making rubber at 17 cents, and there is a probability that cost may go as low as 15 cents.

The same witnesses stated that in order to bring down the cost of producing Buna-S from alcohol to that of producing it from petroleum, wheat would have to be delivered at the distillery at 25 cents a bushel. The report states that this evidence on costs was corroborated by officials of the National Research Council.

Meanwhile, Canada will probably spend more money in the future on exploring the possibilities of growing its own rubber. The same parliamentary sub-committee made a comprehensive survey of rubber supply and production in Canada. It has recommended that substantial amounts of money be included in the next estimates for research on producing rubber from Canadian plants. Much work had already been done on the possibility by the Department of Agriculture and the National Research Council at Ottawa.

Of the hundreds of plants studied and developed by the agricultural department division of botany and the rubber laboratories of the research council, two plants, the Russian dandelion kok-saghyz and Canadian milkweed, have so far offered the best possibilities.

There are real difficulties in the way of using either of them, and Canadian scientists have been cautious about appraising them, particularly in the economic field.

The Russian dandelion has high class rubber in its roots and it can be grown in Canada. But whether it can be grown economically in Canada is a problem. In Russia much hand labor was used in its production and cost was not a consideration.

To bring the cost of production down to a reasonable level in Canada some scientists believe it will be necessary to produce varieties with high rubber content and large roots and to mechanize the whole process of harvesting, planting and cultivating.

Two shipments of seed of the rubber-bearing dandelion were received direct from the U. S.S.R. by Canada, and numerous experiments have been made in the field and in the laboratory by Canadian scientists. In addition, some arctic and sub-arctic species of dandelion growing in northern Canada have been studied and may be useful in the breeding programme with the Russian variety.

In the case of the common milkweed, extraction of the gum from the leaves is complicated, and there is yet considerable doubt as to the quality of the rubber that can be obtained from the milkweed. It grows wild in profusion in Ontario and Quebec, and to a lesser extent in Manitoba. Certain agricultural problems, particularly harvesting methods, remain to be solved.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Is there any satisfactory reason now why the weather probs should be withheld?

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The McNair Government of New Brunswick is a minority government, some 79,000 voting for it, and some 91,000 against it.

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The official end of Great War I this date 1921. When will the end of the present one be?

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The Dutch Queen's birthday, H.R.H. Wilhelmina, having been born this date 1880; she is now in exile between Britain, U. S. A. and Canada.

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Will there be another winter's campaign overseas or will the Nazis be satisfied to let "bad enough" alone? They began this war by invading Poland five years ago tomorrow.

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"Invest in Victory" will be the slogan for Canada's Seventh Victory Loan which is expected to open the week of October 23rd.

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Maj.-Gen. H. F. H. Hertzberg of Toronto, commandant of Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., will relinquish his post Sept. 3 when he reaches his 60th birthday. He first will proceed on leave, pending retirement.

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A cable from Georgetown, British Guiana, has made the important announcement that columbium and tantalum have been discovered in the upper Mazaruni district. So far Brazil is the only known source of this rare mineral which is an essential of radar production. Commercial sources declare the discovery is promising both as to quality and extent of the deposits. The government has declared the area "reserved" under defence regulations to prevent speculative claim locations.

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New Zealand will send no more airmen to Canada for training under the Empire Air Training Scheme, Prime Minister Fraser announces. He said the decision was reached after discussions with Allied staffs and governments. New Zealand will train 1,200 air crew personnel yearly to meet increased responsibility in the Pacific. New Zealand has sent about 25,000 air force men overseas all through the Empire Air Training Scheme.

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Canadian literature in book form evidently does not constitute an essential product for export. Exportation of books printed in Canada, unless consigned to the armed forces, has been prohibited except under permit from the trade and commerce department, according to an order-in-council in Canadian War Orders and Regulations. The order said the action was taken with concurrence of the external trade advisory committee to curtail "unusually large and increasing" exports of books printed in Canada.

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The Duchess of Gloucester and her son, born in a Northampton nursing home Saturday, both continue to make satisfactory progress. The new prince, second child of the Duke and Duchess, is fifth in the line of succession to the throne. He is Queen Mary's sixth grandson and her ninth grandchild. His brother, Prince William, will be three in December. The Duchess is a daughter of the Duke of Buccleuch.

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Quebec Premier-elect Duplessis has his own Cabinet troubles. In his attempts to cajole the Nationalists, Mr. Duplessis, it is said, was embarrassed by the fact that the only English-speaking Union Nationale member, Mr. J. Robinson, M. L. A. for Brome, had laid claim to the post of Provincial Treasurer which had already been promised to Mr. Paul Beaulieu. Personally, Mr. Duplessis would like to confide the administration of the public finances to Mr. Beaulieu but the English-speaking element who rallied around the Union Nationale insisted that the tradition of naming an English-speaking treasurer be maintained in favor of Mr. Robinson. If Mr. Beaulieu was to be definitely shelved the Bloc would soon picture Mr. Duplessis as the secret ally of English high finance and an opportunist who used nationalism merely as an electoral expedient.

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Prime Minister King has been caught napping. He told the House of Commons recently that his visit to Hitler before the war was to warn him that in the event of a war of aggression, Canada would be on the side of Britain. He said he had privately informed Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden of his visit to Hitler and received Mr. Eden's hearty thanks. But in contradiction of this, Montreal Gazette recalls from British Hansard that there was absolutely no confirmation of this, as the following passage shows:

"Mr. Lee asked the Prime Minister whether any pledge or guarantee, written or implied, had been given by the dominions and colonies, either severally or collectively, that, in case of attack upon the United Kingdom by any country, they would come to the assistance of Great Britain.

"The Prime Minister (Mr. Chamberlain): No, sir."

Notes By The Way

Remember that old refrain: "Whether it's cold or whether it's hot, we'll have to weather it, whether or not." — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Railwaymen discussing transportation of the future emphasize this point: The steam engine offers the cheapest and most economical method of hauling known to man. —(W. L. Clark, in Windsor Star.)

If we must have state control of everything at least let us have rugged individualism in eating, drinking, love-making, fighting, gardening, the wearing of clothes and in language.—London Free Press.

As reorganized, sessions of the German High Command consist largely of the Fuehrer conferring with himself. That's the trouble with the fellow: he listens to the wrong people.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Hitler once deplored the absence among Allied generals of any first-class military brains. In the light of the Eisenhower - Montgomery strategy as displayed in France probably he has come to another opinion.—Ottawa Journal.

The closing of some German newspapers and the merging of others as their staffs are included in total mobilization for war can mean little to the Germans. For long these papers have given to their readers nothing but official propaganda and there is evidence that the public is weary of that.—New York Sun.

No system that is devised for public or private security will ever turn a lazy man into an industrious one, or a spendthrift into a provident individual. Hanging as deadweight on all such schemes will be found those who will be active neither in their own affairs nor in the affairs of any other human driftwood on the great tide of life. —Victoria Colonist.

Divorce statistics for Ontario show that in 1943 there were no less than 1,243 marriages dissolved by the provincial courts. In 1939 the number was 747. The increase is striking. Even the latter figure is higher than the total in all of Canada two or three decades back. It appears to the older generation as remarkable that the stability of domestic life, as it used to be known, is changing so rapidly. —Kingston Whig-Standard.

As everywhere on the Atlantic coast, the patriots day and night listen in on their radio sets hidden away in cellars, solitary country houses and other remote places, so as not to lose one word of the instructions they receive from the Allied commanders and their own Government. [illegible] patriots are ready to spring to arms the moment they are given the word. They know that the time of their country's moral and physical sufferings is drawing to a close.—Montreal Star.

Flight Lieutenant Tai Hai Tan, D. F. C., the R.C.A.F.'s only Chinese pilot, has been killed in action in Normandy. He was known throughout the 2nd T.A.F. as "Charlie Chan", was born of Chinese parents in Singapore, where he was a car salesman up to the outbreak of war. After completing his flying training he was extremely disappointed when he was told that he was too old to be a fighter pilot. For some time he was engaged on reconnaissance duties, and it was while carrying out such duties so brilliantly over the Anzio beachhead that he received the immediate award of a D.F.C.—The London Times.

The present leaders of Germany may not represent all Germans, nor even most Germans. They state in its most brutal language, however, a theory which permeates too much of the thinking of those who have usually managed to master and lead the masses of Germany. It, after this war, these masses are confronted by victors who say "We do not intend to try to make peace with you, neither a long peace nor a short one, a mild one, or a harsh one, but we intende to exercise the necessary controls to prevent you from ever making war again,' the German people should know that their leaders asked for it.—Christian Science Monitor.

On American fighting fronts the army prints little one-sheet newspapers, in the enemy's language, giving full, accurate and late war news on one side and on the verso setting forth the advantages of immediate surrender, says The New Yorker. The sheets are dropped in back of the enemy lines by plane or shell. Well, the other day in Normandy a Nazi surrendered and, in the course of his interrogation by our intelligence officers, pettishly asked what had happened to the little newspapers. His platoon hadn't had any news for several days, he said, and was getting bitter about the service.

Men of science are bubbling over with ideas for creating a fuller life for all of us when manufacturers once again are able to cater to the demands of the consumer market. Some of these ideas are really attractive, and some are quite horrible. In the latter category comes the suggestion of William B. Stout, an aircraft and automobile designer, that after the war we will have automobiles that fly. Please, Mr. Stout, don't rush us Sunday drivers make it hard enough now, when we only have to keep our eyes roving from side to side, and from front to rear. Just think of having to watch overhead and underneath for them, too!—Montreal Star.

Los Angeles has a striking idea in one of its hospitals, the sending of a "play-by-play" account of events in its delivery rooms to anxiously waiting fathers. It may be a noble experiment, but it is not psychologically sound. In the first place, fathesr in that condition are incapable of understanding plain English.They are moving in a mental fog. Even if the "piped" information could get through to them, their agitated pacing on shiny hospital floors would drown it out, and in any case, it is doubtful whether detailed reports on the happenings behind the mysterious door would do much to quiet jagged nerves. It would probably be better, all things considered, to adopt the suggestion made some time ago, and put the fathers out on the hospital lawn, give them lawnmowers and let their agonized marching yield some productive results.—Windsor Star.

LONDON - (CP) - Gen. Sir Harold, Alexander, commander-in-chief of the land forces in Italy, has been appointed A.D.C. general to the King.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

RELIGION, SCIENCE, AND THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Sir,—"You are not your own, you are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, which is God's." Paul is writing to Corinthian Christians, who had been dishonouring their bodies by using them as a means of sinful gratification and, as is always the case, suffering the consequences. Men and women will never have full and robust health until they recognize that their bodies belong to God. Much ill health is due to our failure to acknowledge this claim. Anything that injures our bodies, dishonours God and robs Him and His just service. The Jews were forbidden to offer the lame or blind of their flock to God as sacrifice. A human body, broken and diseased by foolish or sinful living, is a poor offering to God to whom we owe so much.

It has been discovered that 30 per cent of farmer boys are unfit for military service; and a larger percentage of those accepted are below A1. As a result of this startling discovery a campaign is being put on in every province to give health and strength to every child in Canada. The National Physical Act has been passed, Agencies have been appointed, and money voted for this purpose. Very good! If the pace is kept up the health of the Canadian people will be improved, but our boys and girls will not have full health until they acknowledge, daily in a practical way, that their bodies belong to God.

Psychologists and psychiatrists are now discovering that our health and strength of body very much depends upon the state of mind in which we live. The strain of business, the ravages of fear and worry are taking a frightful toll of our best citizens: and until we recognize that "we are bought with a price," and belong to God, we shall not be lifted above fear and worry and given that power of self-control which will insure for us the best health.

This is the condemnation of alcoholic liquor as a beverage. It is a narcotic poison and injurious to the body, even in moderate quantities. I have on my desk a rather remarkable book. After the first Great War had gone into the second year the recruiting agents discovered that about 50 per cent of Britain's men had to be turned down as unfit for service. It was suggested that the liquor traffic had something to do with this record of ill health. The Government thereupon appointed a commission of nine outstanding medical men and scientists to examine the effects of alcohol on the human organism. After two years of study and investigation the commission issued its report; and here it is— "Alcohol, its Action on the Human Organism." This report faces the question squarely from a purely scientific point of view. It deals with the effect of alcohol on the brain and on the chief bodily functions. It deals with it as a food, a drug and a poison; and the conclusion of this report is, as stated in the concluding chapter: "It is certainly true that alcoholic beverages are in no way necessary for healthy life; that they are harmful or dangerous if the specified precautions are not observed."

The final inference from this report is that it is safer and, in all respects, better to abstain completely from all alcoholic beverages. This Report comes out of a beer-drinking country a country where the liquor traffic has been deeply entrenched; and it marks the beginning of a new movement for the reduction of the use of intoxicating liquor. As a result of this report the teaching of scientific temperance was introduced into the public schools of England; and the syllibus used in those schools is based on the findings of this report. Can we wonder that the use of intoxicating liquor in England is decreasing; and it will continue to decrease.

In their condemnation of the Liquor Traffic, Religion and Science are in agreement. Paul says: "Your body is sacred because it belongs to God", therefore the use of anything that injures or destroys it, such as strong drink, is foolish and sinful. Science, today in its findings upon the use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage says practically the same thing. It condemns the traffic outright. Liquor is not necessary to good health; and even its moderate use is dangerous.

In nothing that has been said is account taken of the enormous economic waste of the drink business, its toll of accidents, its crippling of efficiency, its lay-offs, its ragged poverty, its destruction of family life, its entail of disease and crime. None of its social effects have been mentioned. These condemn the trade a hundred times over; and right here, in this quiet law-abiding Province, where its effects are least seen than, perhaps, in any other part of the world, the effects of drink are often startling. I lived for twenty years in a country where the liquor traffic had fairly full swing. In a population of 450,000 we had, on the average, one rum shop to 450 people. There, in such conditions, one sees the real character of the Liquor Traffic and its effects upon the individual and upon Society. Here in this country the liquor interests talk about their loyalty and their public spirit. Since they cannot advertize their products they still want to keep their names before the public as a future prospect; but remove the restraints, give these same people full swing and there is no low, dirty, shameful thing they will not do to fasten their trade upon the public. They have no more principle nor sense of honour than the veriest Prussian Junker. I have seen the effects of these human vermin upon the individual and upon society as one hardly sees it in Canada, just because there was less restraint.

The plain duty of every man and woman who loves his country and wants to see in it a healthy, happy, people is to use every means to curtail and finally destroy this traffic. Keep up the fight. Urge that Scientific Temperance be taught in our Schools. Pledge our representatives to uphold our Prohibition Law. Encourage and support the police in rounding up the bootleggers; and make Prince Edward Island dry until the day when all Canada will follow our example. Canada is not so foolish as to forever tolerate a traffic so destructive to the physical and spiritual interest of her people.

I am, Sir, etc.,

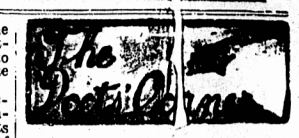
(REV.) W. I. GREEN

Dundas, P. E. I.

This War—Four Years Ago

By The Canadian Press

AUGUST 31, 1940 — British Admiralty announced loss of armed merchant cruiser Dun[illegible] vegan Castle; 250 rescued. Vienna [illegible] greement reported to have prov[illegible]ed Germany with air and army b[illegible]ses in Romania. South African [illegible] Assembly rejected motion urging peace with Germany and Italy.



AT THE END OF THE DAY

There is no escape by the river,
There is no flight left by the fen;
We are compassed about by the shiver
Of the might of their marching men.
Give a cheer!
For our hearts shall not give way.
Here's to a silent to-morrow,
And here's to a brave to-day!

The tale of their hosts is countless
And the tale of ours a score;
But the palm is not to the dauntless,
And the cause is more and more.
Give a cheer!
We may die but not give way.
Here's to a solent to-morrow,
And here's to a shout to-day!

God has said: "Ye shall fail and perish,
But the thrill ye have felt to-night
I shall keep in my heart and cherish
When the worlds have passed in night."
Give a cheer!
For the soul shall not give way.
Here's to the greater to-morrow,
That is born of a greatest to-day.

—Richard Hovey.

APPOINTED COMMISSIONER

LONDON - (CP) - Lt. Gen. Sir Bertram Sergison-Brooke has been appointed British Red Cross Commissioner with the Allied army of liberation on the continent. He formerly headed the British Red Cross commission in southern Europe, operating from Rome.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the P. E. I. Fish and Game Protection Association will be held in the City Hall, Charlottetown.

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