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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.
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Rabid Nonsense

One of the latest arrivals in the King Cabinet, Hon. Alphonse Fournier, Minister of Public Works, delivered a speech at Campbell's Bay, Quebec, last week, and here is an extract from it as reported in the Le Devoir newspaper:
'Would you be better off with the C. C. F. party, the Bloc, or the Communists? So far as the Conservatives are concerned you remember what happened from 1914 to 1918. And if you were to elect Conservatives you probably would have a Union Government in order to do even more for the war.'

Greater Effort Needed

Some persons are pleading that they are unable to buy bonds in the Fifth Victory Loan, or at most can not take more than a bond of the smallest denomination, because this is the third Victory Loan within the past thirteen months. They point out that they subscribed to the best of their ability in the third and fourth loans and that they now find it virtually impossible to raise the funds for this fifth loan. There are probably those who are in that straitened position; but a little heart-searching should convince them that they can surmount those "difficulties" and buy at least one Victory Bond if they really try to do so. It is by overcoming personal obstacles and swelling Canada's will to victory that the loan will go over the top. The money and potential earnings are available, for never were so many Canadians gainfully employed as at present. Savings accounts in the banks continue to remain at an impressive total.

New Bacon Contract

Announcement of the terms of the new bacon contract with Britain, says the Globe and Mail, reveals an amazing change in policy. Our exports of bacon under the new arrangement have been cut back to where they were in the second year of war, although there is no indication of a decline in the British demand. Shipments of 450,000,000 pounds of bacon in 1944 and in 1945 represent about a 33-per-cent reduction in the current contract.

Agriculture Minister James G. Gardiner gives no explanation for the change, other than the partial crop failure in Western Canada. According to him, present stocks of feed grains will not last beyond the next 12 months, "even if the present high level of hog production is not maintained in Western Canada." This might be understandable if weather were the only factor in the picture. But it is not.

A year ago Federal agricultural officials having surveyed the bumper crop of coarse grains in Western Canada and excellent feeding conditions in the East, estimated that visible stocks, taking into account the percentage of surplus wheat then being fed cattle and hogs, were sufficient to maintain live stock production for two years. By this reckoning, this year's crop of coarse grains, poor as it may be, ought to have been a surplus, a carryover to set against maintenance of production through 1945.

Now we find a visible shortage. This is indeed a strange development in an agricultural nation which, presumably, was maintaining the production and accumulation of feedstuffs to be poured into war-torn Europe. Now, with the demand for these surpluses in sight, it develops that we cannot maintain the level of our shipments to one of our allies.

Notes By The Way

The way apples are going up, you'd think they were fugitives from the law of gravity. —Buffalo Courier-Express.

A worried personnel director of a firm in the city says that the loss of femininity, what's the doctor says, now—celebrating a meerschaum pipe?—Winnipeg Tribune.

Yet another military chemist has developed a formula for producing artificial fog. They say you can hardly tell it from our genuine post-war policy. —Winnipeg Tribune.

An American ruling is that laundries must not sew buttons on men's underwear, but just on their shirts. The guy who made that ruling probably had a mother who sweat the dirt under the rug. —Exchange.

There seems to be a conflict of opinion about what should be done with windows during the approaching winter season. The fuel conservation officials say they should be kept shut to save coal; the health authorities urge the reverse. In the interest of fresh air, which helps to maintain health, between the two, there must be some happy

EDITORIAL NOTES

Our sons and daughters overseas are looking to us at home to support them. Buy Victory Bonds.

A long pull, a strong pull, a pull altogether is necessary to reach this province's Victory Loan objective.

Newfoundland has the honour of having over 10,000 youths voluntarily enlisted in the armed forces—nearly as good as this province.

Tomorrow, or Sunday, Hallowe'en, but the King Government warns the barns they must expect no apples, no candies, no nothin' this year on account of scarcity, and the War's demands.

It should be taken as a compliment, we suppose, that Mulgrave, N. S., should have preference over Charlottetown for wharf improvement, and have our steel rails shipped there. We're slipping and slipping since the King Government got into power.

It is announced that four Canadian officers now in England have donated \$100 to the Mod and Music Committee of An Commu Gardhealch to provide prizes for pupils in British secondary and intermediate schools for the best Gaelic literary efforts, such as letter-writing.

It seems the new manager of the C. B. C., in succession to Rev. Dr. James Thomson, is likely to be Mr. L. W. Brockington, K. C., former publicity man for the Prime Minister, and chairman of the Board of Directors. He has recently been in London attached to the B. B. C., as adviser to the Ministry of Information. Before an appointment is announced, the C. B. C. Board of Directors intend reviewing the whole of the set-up of the organization.

Perhaps it may be observed that all those concessions now being made by our bureaucratic government are in view of a forthcoming election, and in consequence of the uproar created by Liberal members and candidates at the recent Liberal Convention in Ottawa. After this, who will dare say it does not pay politically to make one's views heard threateningly in presence of Mr. King himself?

Edmund Halley, astronomer, born this date, 1656; his stellar observations at St. Helena from 1676 to 1678 gained him the title of the "Southern Tycho." Tycho Brahe having discovered the star Cassiopeia while resident in Germany; Halley discovered the comet which bears his name in 1682, and correctly predicted its return in 1759; was appointed professor of astronomy at Oxford in 1682; and astronomer royal in 1719; he died in 1742.

After the war Canada and the U. S. A. will still be looked to for two or three years as the most important sources of food for Europe. We occupy a strong strategic position, but apparently little thought has been given by the powers-that-be at Ottawa to means by which that position can be maintained as Europe emerges from the devastation of war. South America will certainly join soon in the business of feeding Europe, and unless Canada's position and the contributions already made are made to be fully and continuously recognized the Dominion will within two or three years be thrown into the maelstrom of almost world-wide competition as a food exporter.

Notwithstanding strong oppositions from the Board of Trade and the Retail Merchant's Association, the Saint John Common Council have decided to revert to Standard Time next month. This puts that city on a par with Eastern Daylight Saving Time instead of Atlantic Daylight Saving Time. The Board of Trade memorial on the subject read: "There will be no change of time this year by Maritime centres such as Halifax, Moncton, Charlottetown—in fact, there will be no change of time in the provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, with which the commercial life of our province, and especially of our city, is so inseparably intertwined, seeing that wholesale distribution is our leading activity. Any change of time applied to our city cannot but result to the serious detriment of its business interests because it would place us on a different time basis with very important sources of business, while our main competitors would suffer no such handicap but would actually benefit materially by our change of time; and, because time is a fundamental factor in all activities of commerce such as business hours, transportation—land, water and air,—mail services, and in many other directions would be certain to induce clash and confusion, especially in the case of business concerns making large use of express services, and for whose business is mainly conducted by telephone and telegraph."

burst out crying. We have learned to control our emotions, but our fundamental reaction is still the same. —From The Pleasures of Publishing (Columbia University Press).

News that hand-painted neckties are selling in Detroit for as high as \$100 caused more furore than could be brought about if someone stole the city hall. This public indignation is a good sign. Our general nuttiness goes on just as far and then there is a revulsion. However, we cannot get deeply excited about the matter. The artist who does the painting gets the money, or most of it, and if he painted a picture on canvas he would ask about the same figure. The wearer of such an atrocity is happily paid, because he does not have to see the thing; those in front of him have to suffer the pain in the neck. Detroit Free Press.

Removing water from vegetables has already saved shiploads of space in sending food to the overseas fighting forces. Scientists have now carried this space-saving one step further by compressing vegetables into blocks wrapped in cellophane. A "brick" of compressed carrots, 2 1/4 x 6 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches weighs 2 1/4 pounds, and when watered serves fifty to sixty men. Four such pounds of compressed dehydrated carrots—less than two bricks—would serve 100 men. Sixteen such bricks fit into a...

Dickens Said It

(Edmonton Journal) A newspaper about has discovered that a story told by Mr. Churchill, in his review of the war on the other day, was used in a different form by Mr. Roosevelt seven years ago last month. When they have their jokes in common, it may be claimed, there cannot be any doubt how well attuned they are in more important respects. The Prime Minister, in answering critics of the policies adopted in Italy, said that they reminded him of the woman whose son was rescued from drowning by a sailor. She sought him out afterwards and asked why he had not saved the boy's cap. In 1936 the President, in addressing a party convention, dealt with the attacks upon him by bankers and industrialists who had come to him for help in the early days of his administration and went on:

In the Summer of 1933 a nice old gentleman wearing a silk necktie came to the end of a pier. He was unable to get down, a friend ran down the pier, dived overboard and pulled him out, but the silk had floated off with the tide. After the old gentleman had been resuscitated he was effusive in his thanks. He praised his friend for saving his life. Today, three years later, the old gentleman is berating his friend because the silk hat had been lost.

But like so many other stories, there is no telling how far back this one goes. The detective work done by a member of the staff of the New York Times, which has now published a letter calling attention to a chapter in the life of the President written in 1935 by Charles Dickens before either Mr. Churchill or Mr. Roosevelt was born. The novel Rogue Riderhood is saved from drowning against the Thames and then is carried into the tavern of the Three Jolly Fellowship Porters. When he comes out of his coma he asks what happened and is told. Then he says: "Where's my fur cap?" "In the river," someone informs him, whereupon Riderhood replies:

"And warn't there no honest man to pick it up? O' course there was, though, and to cut off with it afterwards. You're a rare lot, of you." No doubt some careful reader will report that Dickens merely borrowed what had been given wide circulation long before his time.

Banking Business Up

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports an increase of 27.8 per cent in bank deposits for September over the figure for the corresponding month last year. This report covers the 33 Canadian cities for which bank deposits are published each month. Bank deposits are now being substituted for clearances, because, being based on the actual bank deposits of cheques drawn, they really give a true picture of the volume of banking business transacted.

Cheques cashed in September 1943 had a face total value of \$4,485,000,000, as compared with \$3,516,000,000 in September 1942. The Prairies at 53.4 per cent showed the greatest gain and the Maritimes at 9 per cent the least. Quebec was up 17 per cent, Ontario 27, and British Columbia 29.

Cheques cashed during the first nine months of this year, January to September, both inclusive, amount to \$37,000,000,000, or \$32,292,000,000 in the corresponding period of 1942. The betterment is over 4 billion dollars, representing an increase of 12.5 per cent.

It is interesting to compare these totals with the pre-war record. During the first nine months of 1939, including the first month of war—bank deposits in the same Canadian centres aggregated \$22,731,000,000. Expressed in totals, the first three quarters of this year are about 15 1/2 billion dollars above the corresponding months of 1939, while the ratio of gain is 67 per cent. Notably, a remarkable advance, the Bureau points out, is "a measure of transformation of the Canadian economy during the war." The increase is due, noting that the chartered banks of the Dominion, on this showing, have attained a business turnover which is 149 per cent of the value of that of 1939.

A Fleet street friend recently back from Ireland, tells me that Dublin is now a city of the push-bike-minded as Holland. Everybody seems to be using a leg propelled cycle, no doubt because of the open-air cycle parks crowded with these machines, but in many of the stores are turning themselves into stores of parking bikes. Dublin has a chewing-rum fame, but chocolate is plentiful. It is being retailed, however, at just double the price indicated on the package. Curiously enough, another shortage reported from the banks of the Liffey is mustard.—Nottingham Evening Post.

Perhaps the greatest of all teachers so far for the German people has been the aerial bomb. A four-ton bomb is a weighty argument. It has a remarkable way of breaking through prejudices and preconceptions. It is an argument to which even the most closed mind cannot turn a deaf ear. Perhaps it is not true that a nation can slobber up its neighbors with impunity. It is clear that other nations dispute the fact that the Germans are the master race. The bomb is of...

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The Poet's Corner
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Winter is silence. Spring is green things pushing. Summer is lush fulfillment, Fall is sound. Fall is the tumble of rain and dark brooks rushing. It is cricket talk and the howl of a tired hound. When he senses noon and is too lame to go. And hollow cry of freight trains in the dawn. It is last retreat, a somesone sympathy. Crow call and wild geese over, and the old prophetic music of a barren tree. A warning that the heart hears, listening. For drifted leaf and rising wing. Before the silence settles, and the gold.

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