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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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Reconstruction Committees

One of the planks in the Jones Government platform was to establish a Ministry of Reconstruction and a non-partisan committee to work in conjunction therewith.

Two striking examples are cited in this connection: "For many months after Ottawa was aware of the need for certain war foods by Great Britain, the man on the land was in the dark as to what was actually required of him."

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Manpower Muddle

The Legionary, official organ of the Canadian Legion, is severely critical of the Defense Department's decision to disband the 7th and 8th Divisions and partly disband the 6th Division.

Few informed people, it says, will disagree with the Government's conclusion that the Divisions are no longer needed for the immediate defence of Canadian soil, but to actually demobilize at this stage of the war thousands of action-less soldiers, trained at great expense to the country, is nothing less than a slap in the face to our men overseas.

What makes Colonel Ralston's announcement all the more preposterous is the fact that only a few weeks ago his colleague, Major Power, warned the people of the Dominion that the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan would have to be seriously curtailed unless many more men were enlisted at once.

Notes By The Way

Strange, is it, not how more lumber became available in Vancouver the moment the price went up? Vancouver Province.

Some day, perhaps, the authorities will write an income-tax law in the English language.—From the Chicago Daily News.

Thousands of Germans have been killed in Russia. It's their own fault; the Russians were at home minding their own business.—Sherbrooke Record.

"Painted On Hose for Summer Cool and Economical," says a woman's page headline. But wait till winter when the denars try to get their gashes out of a bottle.—Windsor Star.

Steel-bladed knives can be cleaned by rubbing with a slice of freshly-cut potato dipped in knife powder—if they have been used for fish they should be stabbed into earth to remove the odor.

A correspondent who advised that the Boy of Tunis "has been living quietly with twenty-five wives" is asked to check further on his information.—H. V. Wade in the Detroit News.

Death is believed to have ended the career of the perpetrator of the "Spanish Prison" letter hoax. Now we won't be able to look forward to any thrill in our mail except in the Spring and Fall, when the mail order catalogs arrive.—Windsor Star.

had only adopted the plan for Total War which the Legion advocated well over three years ago, and which, under really inspirational leadership from all our national and provincial leaders our people would undoubtedly have accepted as did the British and American people, our Dominion's war effort would not be handicapped as it is today by a terrible manpower muddle."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Welcome to the Maritime members of the Canadian Press and directors who hold a meeting here today.

Prime Minister King announces there is little prospect of a general election this Fall; let us hope he is not fooling us.

Twenty-five delegates from French-speaking centres in Canada and U.S.A. met in Quebec City September 21, for the seventh annual convention of La Survivance Francaise en Amerique. Convention host was Mr. Adrien Pouliot, dean of the Faculty of Science at Laval University, and governor of CBC. It is not reported officially who represented this province.

Louis Pasteur, French chemist, died yesterday's date 1895; best known for his work on micro-organisms; showed that alcoholic and acetic fermentation and putrefaction are caused by living organisms, and that when these are killed, or excluded decay is prevented; he opposed the idea of spontaneous generation, and introduced sterilization; the Pasteur Institute, Paris, is his enduring memorial.

From no less a person than Winston Churchill comes this advice on what to write to the boys overseas: "Write often, keep the family bonds strong enough to cross the Atlantic, send pictures of the family, neighbors and street. Pictures warm the hearts of men away from home. Fill your letters with the homely, everyday happenings that make your soldier know he is still part of the home."

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With references to our voting fiasco at the recent election it is interesting to note that a few days before the declaration of war, the French Government revised its electoral system and adopted what is known as "proportional representation." According to the French system, party candidates who poll a certain number of votes during a general election are permitted a proportional number of representatives. For example: a party which succeeds in having five members elected, but polls a total number of votes equal to ten representatives, will be permitted five additional representatives, designated by the National Council of the party.

When Lord Lintithgow recently took formal farewell as Viceroy of India, General Auchinleck entertained the members of the two Houses of the Central Legislature at Delhi at a luncheon prepared from foods supplied as rations to Indian troops, by the cooks from a neighbouring Indian unit. Dehydrated goat meat and unpolished rice were two of the more interesting dishes. Referring to India's constitutional problems, Lord Lintithgow said: "If there is to be any progress Indian public men, without delay, should start to get together and clear the way for it. The post-war phase is drawing rapidly nearer. His Majesty's Government, as you will remember, have voiced the hope that, at the conclusion of the war, Indians themselves may sit round the table and hammer out a constitution having the general support of all the principal elements in India's national life."

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Human beings can get along for a while without jams and jellies, but nearly everyone is sometimes in need of human encouragement, a handclasp, or as costless a gift as a friendly smile. The world turns upon its better relations, not upon its ill-natured ones.—Victoria Colonist.

Sir William Beveridge told a Liberal party lunch-hour meeting in London that in being asked to report on social insurance and allied services he was not asked to design a complete suit—only the trousers. "I've designed the trousers," he said, "and my advice is that we'd better put them on at once so that with a free mind we can see about a coat as well and other parts of our reconstruction wardrobe. First things first—bread for all on condition of service before cake for anybody." We all accept that.—Manchester Guardian.

The census classifications with regard to racial origins of the people of this Dominion might leave the impression that there are no Canadians in Canada! Even those who were born in Canada or who have lived here for years, are listed as English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, French, Eskimo, and many other races but not as Canadians. Is it not about time that this system of designation ended? Families of three and four generations in Canada should surely be enumerated as "Canadians." Every person who is born in Canada or who has become a naturalized citizen, should be recorded as Canadian, regardless of race or language.—Brantford Expositor.

The Press is pleased to commend the local 100 Club on its decision to purchase the Fair Grounds and transform the property into a community park and recreation centre. Winchester has long been in need of such a spot, especially for the convenience of the younger generation. It's going to be a big financial undertaking for this enterprising club, but we feel certain that local and former citizens of the town will come forward with some big fat donations to help the members of the 100 Club raise the necessary funds. By personal contribution, members of the club have donated about \$1,000 toward the project. Winchester Press.

A Cloud Of Figures

(The Times, London) A suggestion that after the war we Islanders should fall in Colonial and Dominion and reckon time by the 24-hour clock will find many supporters. Yet it is a suggestion at which some who look at it with a jaundiced eye, though not especially daunted by the prospect of having to count up to twenty-four, are not very good at sums and may suspect that behind the proposal to replace with numerals the majestic letters A. M. and P. M. lurks a sinister intention that the present supremacy of the arithmetician is to continue long after the war has been won. They are already weary of what is immediately important or interesting must be expressed in figures before the way is to be comparatively easy for those who could not do simple sums in their heads to act on Chasterton's advice and believe nothing that could not be told in coloured pictures. It might be explained to them that light, travelling a 186,000 miles in a second, would take over one hundred million years to reach the remotest known heavenly bodies. They did not mind because they did not believe in the return to the id exposition which was able to say the same thing in terms of grapes and footballs. But it has become increasingly impossible to follow the course of the war with, out peering through a cloud of figures.

It would be unreasonable to deny the Chancellor of the Exchequer the serried thoughts before which arithmetician workings all beach in despair, but for all the enlightenment his successive statements of accounts afford many good citizens he might be tempted to compare himself to the American when it is learned that the American ton weighs something more or less than the British ton. Gross registered tonnage is the key to the Battle of the Atlantic, and Continental campaigns are called for pencil, paper, and the mind of an accountant before the probable size of the German strategic reserve can be annually determined. Total war is indeed the heyday of the arithmetician. Posters are no longer won the passer-by with landscape but snouts "There are 1,000 fires a day" as a warning to the careless. Every one has a number whose interest in the number of tons of material which scraped off the Menai Bridge could fairly be called passionate. The number good requires us to tolerate the arithmetician while he creates the arithmetician while he does not to cease hoing for the day when a match will be a match and not something that can be lightly multiplied into a forest. It will multiply then to call 11 P.M. 13:00; but let no arithmetician presume upon the concession.

LIBERAL DELEGATION

Mr.—The following is taken from the "Island Farmer": "Messrs. Harold Schuurman, D.O., Stewart, W. E. Darby, and R. S. Binton, of Summerside, left on Friday by auto for Ottawa to attend the meeting of the National Liberal Federation."

This delegation consists of one contractor and three lawyers. We every way possible to bring about peace and goodwill in this war-torn world of ours. I am quite sure that all sound thinking people must have a laugh over such childish writings. Cavendish, I understand, was once noted for being the place where wisdom got its feet. But, alas! I wonder if the descendants of those wise ancestors have fallen from grace. I also wonder how farmers can really notice the deep drains in the public roads, when they allow their own driveways to get into such a terrible condition. Would it not be to start their road building program right on some of those private driveways, and then might the be chased away, as it can easily be seen, that anything or anyone bearing the name of Good Old Liberalism is a thing to be avoided. I mentioned those men as being good Samaritans, even being Conservative, and I am sure they would look for their pay. Well, my definition of a good Samaritan is one that does good without asking for anything in return. And, let me remind Farmer, that the willingly give their time and strength, yes, and their lives in defense of their country, such as the class of men we have in our Reserve Army, do not ask for an easy road, let alone an air-conditioned one.

I plan to visit Cavendish on the first of October, on which date the cranberry season opens, and trust to bring you a report on the state of affairs in previous years, when we found that the crop had been picked by so few. I am fully convinced that the readers of this valuable paper would like to see a ban put on such useless writing, and would it not be well for Farmers to put up with the study of the twelfth chapter of Romans, especially where it says, "Let every man be content with his lot, for his lot is highly better than his own conceit." "Be not wise in your own conceit."

I am, Sir, etc. A MEMBER OF HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES.

Not So Sugary

(Hamilton Spectator) An increase in tea and coffee rations is expected next month, according to a report from Ottawa. This, when it occurs, will be the second boost in the availability of these commodities. From the original ration of one ounce of tea or four ounces of coffee a week, a restriction which we took with something between a groan and a grin, we have already had our supply increased by one-third. For these benefits we have to thank the seaman and the aviators of the United Nations, and our extra cup of these beverages might well be drunk as a toast to them. Four ounces of coffee bulk largely in a household's eye than one ounce of tea, so there has been a tendency for Canada to become more coffee-conscious than ever. From the point of view of transportation this is to the good, for coffee sources of supply are nearer, though we noticed the other day a report that the British Government had bought the available world crop of tea, which it will appropriate to the needs of the free citizens of the world. But when, many will ask, shall we have more sugar? The President of the United States two months ago promised his country, "not more, but later officials said his announcement was a little premature. We judge from this that an increase of sugar is being prepared for the winter and the United States may get it this winter, if Secretary of the Navy Knox's fears of increased submarine activity do not materialize. Until then we shall have to make our coffee or tea stronger or less sugary, as the same quantity of sweetening is distributed over the same or more cups—all that is except those Spartans who take their coffee straight or without sugar. Meanwhile, remembering the costs of these creature comforts, we can be thankful for small mercies."

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Under a new agreement between the Provincial and Federal Governments it is now possible for Prince Edward Island farmers in need of help for harvesting and potato digging to secure such help from the Army. The following facts should be noted, viz:—

- 1. The rate of pay to be \$3.00 per day, for every day the soldier-laborer works.
2. Farmer to provide food and lodgings for soldier-laborer during time of engagement.
3. Farmers do not have to sign for any definite period of time.
4. If soldier-laborer is unsatisfactory as a worker farmer may dismiss.
5. Farmer does not pay soldier-laborer for wet days on which the soldier-laborer does not work.
6. If in need of such labor you should write to the Farm Labor Bureau, Charlottetown at once requesting application forms be sent you.
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