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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

Real Facts Wanted

There has been favorable reaction throughout Canada to Hon. Mr. Hanson's plea that the Government take the people into its confidence as to the real state of the war effort, and give out real facts and information instead of "propaganda" dispensed up to them by high-powered press liaison officers.

Commenting on Mr. Hanson's speech on the Draft Address, the Sydney Post-Record (Independent) says: "It is unfortunately true that the people of Canada are not yet fully aroused to the necessities of the times and to the danger which threatens the Empire, and whether or not this may be attributed to the attitude of the Government itself toward the war, it is true that only the Government can offer the leadership and the inspiration for a more concerted and energetic war effort."

A Beaverbrook Needed

While Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his colleagues are warmly reasserting that they have speeded up Canada's war effort to the maximum, Canadian Aviation raises this pertinent question: "What about aircraft production, for instance? If the government is satisfied with the year's achievements, certainly it stands alone in this regard."

"The entire aircraft manufacturing programme has shown the serious lack of energetic and purposeful central direction. We have needed a Beaverbrook, a man with not only the capacity but the freedom from political restraint, to do the job which 'the Beaver' has done so effectively in England."

More Livestock

Increases in all the principal species of live stock on Canadian farms were reported in the survey made at June 1, 1940. The greatest increase occurred in numbers of hogs which reached a record high of nearly 5.9 million head, a gain of 37 per cent over the estimate of June 1, 1939.

For the second year in succession, numbers of horses on farms at June 1 were higher than in the previous year. The number on farms at June 1, 1940, was estimated at 2,858,000, an increase of 34,000 over the estimate of June 1, 1939.

The increase in live stock numbers has followed two years of adequate feed supplies and relatively favorable prices for live stock and animal products. The increases in numbers have been most pronounced in those species consuming large amounts of grain.

numbers at June 1, 1940, were the highest on record.

All species of poultry on farms were greater at June 1, 1940, than at June 1, 1939. Hens and chickens increased from 58.5 million to 60.2 million which is the largest number since 1931.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Rev. Dr. J. Hutchison Cockburn, Minister of Dunblane Cathedral, has been chosen Moderator-Designate of the Church of Scotland, the annual assembly of which meets in May.

The dirt roads neglected by the Government in different parts of the Province are in a deplorable condition; especially at Churchill, and again between Alberton and Tignish, where a detour is necessary.

For "twas an inglorious victory" in West River after all, what with spoiled ballots and absentee soldiers, the Government were able to steal a march on their opponents.

The British and Foreign Bible Society have their good intentions of presenting Canadian soldiers with New Testaments greatly frustrated through lack of contributions.

The King has conferred the knighthood of the Order of the Thistle, the second highest order in his bestowal, on the Marquess of Latham, British Ambassador to the United States.

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The Suez Canal was opened tomorrow's date, 1869. The Mediterranean and Red Sea have been linked by canal since very early times; Egyptians made a canal from the Nile about 600 B.C.

The Turkish press speaks in terms of horror and incredulity at the possibility that the Vichy Government may be led to declare war on Great Britain. Mr. Abidin Daver, well-known editor of Ikdam, deals in the French language newspaper Republique with reports to this effect in an editorial headed "No! That France Cannot Do."

It has given Highlanders, and particularly members of Clan Donald, a real sense of pride to learn that their heir to the Chiefship of the MacDonells of Glengary—Aeneas Ranald Donald MacDonell—has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Since they had the International Flowering match near St. Thomas they have changed the traffic lights in town to read "green" and "yellow" instead of "red" and "white".

Hon. Charles Dunning is mentioned for a vacant Senate seat. His experience in public affairs fully qualifies him for appointment and it is men of his calibre which the Fathers of Confederation had in mind when creating the Senate—St. Catharines Standard.

The leg bone of a mammoth supposed to have lived 14,000 years ago has been dug up in a Toronto gravel pit. But unfortunates who are not uncommon in that vicinity, and moreover, the Star needs to jump greatly at our remarks as a sign at the Telegram, isn't a prehistoric relic; it's merely medieval. — Ottawa Citizen.

Back in August, Mr. Blake Carter, the columnist and former radio commentator, whose British sympathy is as thin as his British accent, wrote an article in the Toronto Star in which he attacked the Nazi attack even more quickly than did France. According to him, the "destroyers" of the United States traded with the Nazis for the right to fight the greatest rear-guard action in history as the Westminister Government fled to Canada.

A reader of The Vancouver Daily Province protests against the practice of the writer in referring to these groups of men who volunteer for particularly hazardous work in the war as "suicide squads." The writer is, of course, perfectly right in his use of the word, but it is a very unpalatable taste to give a grisly name to men who, at the risk of their lives, undertake important duties for the benefit of their fellow-men.

Those who know best the fierce independence which Canadians have inherited from their forefathers, and the relationships with the United States will be most impressed by the constitution of a Joint Defence Board. Without in any way detracting from the immediate importance of the public expression of mutual confidence, we must realize that it is of the greatest potential significance, "isolationist" America has taken the step—a long step—towards a defensive alliance with a nation which, though virtually independent, is still a member of the Empire.

Somehow in the Northwest an enemy bomb fell close to the cottage of an old man who lived by himself. The bomb did not explode and the A.R.P. wardens went to see what had happened. The old man said: "Will you tell me why?" "Hitler's dropped a bomb outside your doorway, and it may go off any minute and blow you up." "I've looked here," said the old man. "I've refused to leave this house for anything, and I'll hang on; I'll leave it for Hitler."—Manchester Guardian.

As the German youth has to be educated above all things in the doctrine that might is right and that the chosen function of a virile people, the more that training can be obtained by our children, the more they will be prepared to accept of civilization and the more they will be prepared to accept of the political keystone of Mein Kampf. "The sacrifice of the individual existence is necessary in order to assure the conservation of the race." It is the training which has been given to the Hitler Youth that now makes it necessary for our children to be schooled in first aid. If the German training to break lives must now cease while our training to mend lives begins, we do not come so badly out of the contest as Hitler's war fever. — Manchester Guardian.

In most newspapers, it was the draft lottery that claimed first honors. The reason is not difficult to find. It is well known that news editors and historians apply very different standards in judging the significance of events. The draft numbers were given first place because they held the greatest interest for the public mind.

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Woodlot Management

THINNING By H. D. Long

It may be thought that the cost of thinning a stand of young timber is greater than the increase in value of the stand. This is not so. On the contrary, the farmer will find that money spent on thinning will be returned to him many fold.

A thick stand of young softwoods averaging 7 inches in diameter and growing at the rate of 1 inch in 10 years, would, if thinned properly, increase in growth rate to 1 inch in 5 years.

If left unthinned, this stand will average perhaps 9 inches in diameter in 20 years' time with a volume of about 20000 board feet per acre. If lumber were worth \$10.00 per thousand board feet, this stand would then be valued at \$2000 per acre. Ten acres would be worth \$20,000.

Since most young stands are very low in wood volume, the value of the wood taken out in the first thinning will usually not pay for the operation. In this case the farmer may find the following suggestions useful.

Let those doing the thinning take wood for pay. Many people who have a woodlot are not particular as to what they are doing for it. If they are allowed to take out the wood for their winter's fuel.

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.

THE BRISTOL GOOSE

Sir.—In yesterday's edition of The Guardian appeared an item in the Public Forum column, headed: "Rifle Shooting," and signed "Fair Play." It is a very interesting article, and the writer states that in the item in the Bristol Notes referring to a goose having been shot with a rifle, the word "shot" was inadvertently used instead of "shotgun."

INTERESTED.

Sir.—In reading the account of the City Council meeting of this week, I notice that the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Chandler, reports the sale of bonds amounting to \$20,000, which he claims were sold to good advantage.

We would like to know what method was adopted for the selling of these bonds and the rate of interest. It is a matter of public interest that the names of the purchasers be published in the proper manner. If so, publish the names of the purchasers, and the amount of the tender submitted in each case. That is the only proper method of selling bonds if public confidence is to be gained and the credit of our city maintained.

TEACHING OF PATRIOTISM

Sir.—According to press reports of the meeting of the Charlottetown Rotary Club on November 4, considerable discussion took place on the question of the teaching of patriotism and principles of democracy in the schools of this province. The immediate matter of contention was a resolution forwarded to the Department of Education by various "Carry on Canada Corps" units in the province.

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