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

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The Soaring War Debt

The national debt with which we shall come out of this war would have crushed the Canada of 1919. But the country has grown in economic and financial strength, and the weight of the new war debt will depend on the further increase of that growth. The country is not going bankrupt and there is no reason for any pessimism in the opinion of the Financial Post, but it will say:

"The real test is whether or not we pursue policies that will actually stimulate production and maintain or enhance the national income; also, to a very important degree, on what happens in the rest of the world."

Exactly the same holds for the solution of the employment problem. It depends on the factors that would also ease the debt-burden—increased production from our resources and close economic co-operation between the nations.

The national debt increased from \$3,152,559,000 at March 31st, 1939, to \$8,842,270,000 on March 31st last, and it is still growing apace. Our per capita net debt has jumped from \$278 in March, 1939, to \$774 on March 31, 1944, and it is estimated at \$866 on March 31st next.

That might be alarming but for the enormous capacity for production which Canada has developed, particularly during the war years, and for the fact that the country is full of the resources which the rest of the world needs.

Make Them Do It

We must distinguish, says an exchange, between military control or even the military government of Germany and the immediate task of purging, pacifying and policing the Nazi fanatics operating as guerrillas or as an underground. We must find ways to induce and compel Germans to bear the brunt of the dirty work of mopping up the Nazi system. We must not blunder into a situation where either we have to do the whole job or the job is not done, while the mass of the German people sit passively, protected and fed by our occupying troops, and wait to see whether or not there is a future for Nazism and Pan-Germanism.

It has often been said by critics of Allied policy that our terms are so severe that there is no inducement to Germans to play a part in overthrowing Nazism. What inducement could we offer the Germans which was so attractive that they would take risks, like those of the F.F.I. in France, against being massacred by the Gestapo? The only inducement which will make men take such risks must come from patriotism and the love of liberty. When and if Germans fight for German liberty with some part of the fanaticism with which they have fought to enslave others, they will have begun to earn their freedom, and they will begin the restoration, in the only way in which it can begin, of Germany among the nations.

Runless Stockings.

Of the numerous reports on scientific achievement produced by the meetings of the American Chemical Society none is more freighted with prospects for a bright new world than that discussing the treatment of textile yarns with Syton, a combination of formaldehyde and melamine. Dr. Donald H. Powers, head of the textile research programme of the Monsanto Chemical Company, says that a bath in this solution produces a chemical reaction inside the fibers, giving them a plastic coat, but not reducing their natural softness. Such yarns have been made into trousers which will not wear shiny, suits that do not wrinkle when wet, woollens which will not shrink and wear three times as long without changing the feel and texture of the cloth, stockings that will not run. This last will draw the attention of the ladies. It will be nice, they will agree, to have the woollens which Dr. Powers describes and to see the men arrayed in shine-proof suits. But they are bound to hold that, at the present time, no other future blessing can hold a candle to the promise of runless stockings.

To The CWAC's

A warm tribute to the women of Canada's armed forces was paid by a columnist for the New York Daily News, after a recent trip to Canada during which he spoke to many women in uniforms of khaki, navy and air force blue. "Unforgettable part of my trip up to Canada," he says, "will ever be the recollection of the Canadian girls we met in the CWAC's (Canadian Women's Army Corps), the WRENS, attached to the navy, and the WD's (Women's Division of the Royal Canadian Air Force). They were right on the beam and their discussions of what they wanted in a post-war world made you realize that the world has moved ahead at breakneck speed. Most of them have had poignant contact with the war. Typical: A Canadian Women's Army Corps captain hadn't heard for two years from her husband in a Japanese prison camp. Quite a few of the girls have lost husbands or brothers at Dieppe. But none of them ever referred to her own tragedy. I've met impressive girls before, but these Canadians measure up to the finest. Canada has rationed many things, but she hasn't rationed the intelligence, the loyalty, the poise or the charm of her daughters."

EDITORIAL NOTES -

Notes By The Way

Goodwill Race Meeting today.

Old-time Exhibition weather this.

The possibility is that the R. C. A. F. Training School will close here in December.

Here is long wear for you. An English soldier charged at Woodstock, Eng., as an absentee was found wearing clothes 120 years old. Police said they were stolen from a museum.

There has been an overhauling of Bloc Populaire organization since the Quebec election. Dr. Pierre Gauthier has resigned as organizer for the Quebec district, and Victor Trepanier, lawyer, publicity director, has retired from editing Le Bloc.

For three hours last week military and civic officials of Montreal discussed the question of Montreal's record rate of V.D. incidence reported to have stood at 59 per 1,000 in army reports for the quarter ended June 30. The rate is six times higher than the 10 per 1,000 rate sought by the armed forces and is twice the average of the rate of cases in other military districts.

"We would like to think," says Ottawa Journal, "that Mr. Little's advice and exhortations (to business and professional men to actively engage in politics) will not fall on barren soil—but fear greatly that they will. Business and professional men—plus many others—like to talk about what should be done to make politics better, but that, as a rule, is as far as they go—talk, plus homilies at service club luncheons and high-sounding resolutions by Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade."

Mr. Upton Sinclair, B. A., American publicist and author, born this date 1878; unsuccessful candidate for Congress as a Socialist in New York in 1906, and in California in 1920; for U. S. Senate in 1922; and as a Democrat equally unsuccessful as a candidate for the Governorship of California in 1926 and 1930. His publications include: The Jungle, The Moneychangers, King Coal, Mammontariat, Oil, The Wet Parade, Candid Reminiscences, The Way Out, Between Two Worlds, Dragon's Teeth, Wide Is The Gate.

It seems three locations were submitted to the powers-that-be for the Allied conference. At the time that the conference was first suggested, and the Russian leader was invited to participate, Quebec and two alternative meeting places were proposed. When it was learned that Premier Stalin could not find time to leave Russia, it was agreed to return to Quebec, as being both suitable and convenient as well as agreeable. Mr. Stephen Early, White House press secretary, who made this announcement declined to disclose the names of the alternative suggestions for the meeting. The President liked to keep that information "up his sleeve" for future possible use, he said.

Protests against the recently-announced decision to have active soldiers in Canada's army remove from their sleeve the "G.S." badge once they have served 18 months and then are entitled to put on their breast the ribbon of the Volunteer Service Medal have borne fruit. Announcement from Ottawa states that the decision has been reversed and that henceforth military personnel entitled to wear both the badge and the ribbon may now do so. The "G.S." (general service) badge, on the left sleeve of the tunic, is worn by all army personnel who are not officers. It signifies that the soldier has enlisted for service anywhere in the world; and now, after wide publicity campaigns by the army itself, is the chief means by which the observer distinguishes between an active soldier and a zombie—one called up for service but who is unwilling to join active ranks. As all army officers are active, they do not wear the "G.S." badge.

Anglican churches may now invite clergymen from other denominations to preach, and Anglican ministers can now preach in non-Anglican churches according to a motion carried at the final morning joint session of the 27th Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, the Church of England, at Lennoxville, Que. Presented by Rt. Rev. George Frederick Kingston, Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, and seconded by Rev. Canon R. K. Naylor, of Montreal, the section will be added to Canon XII, section 2 and will read as follows: "Provided, however, that, in the case of special occasional services, a bishop may, at his discretion permit a clergyman to preach in a non-Anglican Church, or invite a non-Anglican minister, recommended as a friend of reunion to preach in an Anglican church; it being understood that such occasional services shall not conflict with the regular and accustomed services of the church in any parish."

A green growth of tuberculosis germs, and which was discovered accidentally in an ice box at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine, was recently announced in Science, America's official scientific journal. The discovery parallels almost to the Dot Fleming's discovery of penicillin in England in 1929. The green mold belongs to the penicillin group of fungi, but the stuff it produces that inhibits T.B. germs is not penicillin. Penicillin was a failure on T. B. The new green mold was found growing on a culture of tuberculosis germs in the ice box. It was found to grow more luxuriantly on T.B. germs than on any other kind of food which the Buffalo experimenters tried. That fact was so striking that they next tried the mold's effects on tuberculosis germs given to guinea pigs. Human tuberculosis germs, which cause 100 per cent tuberculosis and death in guinea pigs, were first inoculated with the green mold and allowed to stand in tubes for one or two days

PUBLIC FORUM

Nowadays a man must be content to get the alert if he hopes to remain unemployed. — Peterboro Examiner.

It is difficult for the laymen to understand how the Allies have won and still take bases.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

Never let it be said that the Government doesn't at least try to get the right man for the right job. The Gazette, the Book of Weights and Measures is E. O. Way, and the Deputy Minister of Fisheries is Dr. D. B. Finn.—Montreal Gazette.

While dies in France and Belgium, and the countries themselves, have been enjoying liberation, other liberation ahead, which will be more than welcome to a great many. It is that of the boys who have been prisoners in German hands. They may yet be home for Christmas.—St. Catharines Standard.

In victory the Nazi leaders stole works of art and carried them off to their cultured roccoco palaces. In defeat their statues seem to be in the shall. They tried to destroy civilization and failed. They tried to leave behind them in ruins some of civilization's noblest relics. They will be their only relic, and their only monument.—New York Times.

M-Sgt. Johnson, of Abilene, Texas, has written home to his mother describing the first rodeo he rode in 1922. One of the members of the 90th Artillery Division obtained the permission of a local French cattle owner, he said. "And there I was, enemy artillery and occasional visits from the Luftwaffe, we sponsored the dangerous shindig in rodeo history." Johnson reported the rodeo was split between "cowboys" from Idaho and Texas.—United Press.

The war hasn't brought prosperity to all. Some of them are the Chief among them are the salaried people and wage-earners whose incomes are frozen. They are the cost of living increased in spite of price controls and bonuses. In addition they have their income taxes to pay and their income taxes are being pinched at the worst depression days.—Country Guide.

September 7 is Brazilian Independence Day. On that date in 1822, Prince Pedro of Portugal, who became Brazil's first emperor, proclaimed the independence of Brazil. Brazil was freed from Portugal, the mother country. The Empire substituted until 1889, when the Republic was founded. But relations with Portugal are so friendly that the President of Portugal paid a visit to Brazil on the centenary of independence in 1922. On the other hand, the Imperial family, the Petropolis, Rio de Janeiro State, and Prince Dom Joao is a pilot in the Air Force.—Brazilian Information.

It can truthfully be said of both British and Canadian soldiers during the present war, that there have been very few abuses of the public by the newspapers. The very often been guilty of exceeding the liberties which remained to them. In Canada, censorship administered by the military authorities well carried out. Largely voluntary in the nature of its imposition, there has been a minimum of interference in the press. The only serious infractions of the regulations have in this period been widely administered and the military applied does not mean that their continuation after the war can or will be a serious problem.—Regina Leader-Post.

In many parts of London you will find a side street, a narrow alleyway and the slum. A short walk will take you from a pleasant and elegant quarter to a row of dilapidated and overcrowded houses; from prosperity to poverty. The same is true of many other parts of the world. The contrast has helped to stir the public conscience against bad housing, poor wages and social inequalities. It is the hope of this city that a city can be called a fine city, however gay may be its principal shopping streets, however well kept its parks and squares, and however well its section of its population is hidden away in dark hovels and tenements.—London Daily Herald.

Arthur Cormier is a forger — a strictly within-the-law one. He earns his living by making perfect copies of other peoples' signatures. During the past 15 years, Cormier has forged 4,000 signatures of 200 different signatures. Most of the time, the owners can't tell the copy from the original. The legal forger is a French-Canadian who has moved to the United States to study medicine. Before he left Canada he had entered a series of handwriting contests and won all of them. Once in the United States, he discovered that he didn't like the idea of being a doctor. He found a job in a letter-writing shop where he wrote non-imitative signatures. Then he learned that he could copy almost anybody's handwriting and that set him off on his forging career. Now, with a little practice, there isn't a signature he can't copy.—This Week.

Americans are being oversold. There is too much talk. The constant din of competitive propaganda seeking their attention an overture for chaos. Last year, one school system there were twenty-five drives on the children, who did not have time to learn, read and write. But they were sold into becoming little American salesmen and saleswomen to go out and collect. The radio blares, the mail brings it in (talk about waste paper), and the point is that until we can get back to selling radios, washing machines and vacuum cleaners and all the other gadgets, the great sales drives on those not fighting is being expended on numerous promotions of varying Utopias. We should all be a lot better off if the Office of Defense Transportation allowed reservation to take all the promoters away to the mountains.—San Francisco Argonaut.

PROHIBITION VS. GOVERNMENT SALE

Sir.—People of Prince Edward Island stand on the watch tower. In words that have become historic I challenge you, "Remember Pearl Harbour, remember Hong Kong." You know the way that the Japs deceitfully and cunningly stole a march on the Americans and how they made the most foul attack while making fair speeches and beautiful promises. In this same subtle way your Island home is being attacked and threatened by liquor interests and the advocates of government sale. There is no such thing in existence as government control of liquor. Only those who have selfish interests are not for the moral and spiritual welfare of the Garden of the Gulf would clamor for the giving of an open track for this monster of death and destruction. He deceived God is not mocked whatsoever man soweth (and that also means the devil) shall he also reap. "Sow to the wind and you reap to the whirlwind." That is what happened in Nova Scotia. The liquor interests and the government sale was put into effect. In Nova Scotia it was called the Better Temperance Act. Was it better but for whom? The liquor interest and their satellites.

Knowing the Island people as I do, having enjoyed ten and half years among them I'm sure they shall guard jealously any such notable heritage that has been handed down by men and women of the past who had vision, wisdom and the fear of God.

A Lover of Your Island Home (Rev.) R. W. LINDSAY, Margareville, N.S.

The Victoria Cross Through 90 Years (Lieut.-Col. R. S. W. Fordham, K. C. E. D., in the Legionary)

Perhaps no other decoration ever devised has acquired the prestige and significance that may be claimed for the Victoria Cross in the English-speaking world.

Its appearance is not such as would ordinarily attract attention. The award recipient is a plain citizen, it is easily the least ornamental of British decorations. At the same time it is the one most prized in the Empire. Its intrinsic value is about nine cents only, exclusive of the second-hand market value. Nevertheless, when the Cross of a deceased veteran was offered for sale by auction in England, in the month of May 24, 1934, the fourth Cross was earned posthumously by a flight-lieutenant of the R.C.A.F. in sinking a U-boat, in June, in the North Atlantic. In addition, two Victoria Crosses have been won in the present war by Canadians serving with British forces. (To be continued.)

New Assistant Deputy Minister National Revenue

(Financial Post) It is rather a proud boast of P. Lorne Young, newly-named assistant deputy-minister of National Revenue, that the department of government with which he has been connected for over 30 years is shrinking, not expanding. At its peak, the customs branch of the Department of National Revenue consisted of 725 offices throughout Canada. Today it has only 450 offices, and hasn't stopped shrinking yet. Shrinkage, in the sense of customs offices, means, as a rule, increased efficiency of operation. That is possible, partly because the Canadian tariff from the U.S. customs, our view is that the U.S. system of arranging entry through local customs brokers is cumbersome. In Canada, goods are brought into the country under bond to Customs Collection centres. This cuts down the need for as many offices, tends to be more efficient, easier and less costly for the customer.

Lorne Young, native of Charlottetown, P.E.I., entered the department 32 years ago in the days when the Hon. John D. Reid was Minister. He had just then been appointed City Editor of the Charlottetown Guardian, having been a newspaper worker in that city since he was a boy. Then two opportunities came his way—one to be sports editor of the Fort Williams Herald; the other to be associated in the Customs branch at Ottawa. He chose the latter and for many years held the questionable honor of having to take dictation as a stenographer from the Minister, Dr. Reid. Dr. Reid is still talked about with awe by those who remembered him. He was given to much profanity on occasion and could be roused to a high state of exaltation on the least provocation.

Mr. Young's work and interests have been largely centred on customs administration for the past 24 years. In 1927 he was made secretary of the Customs Division of the Department; ten years later, general executive assistant.

One hobby is flying. With J.A. Wilson, now Controller of Civil Aviation in Canada, Young and four others made a memorable trip in 1924 in the open cockpit of the old Veronic. Lorne Young's connection with the Ottawa Football Club also goes back many years. Currently his chief recreation is bowling.

Progressive Conservative Polls Meeting

There will be a meeting of all Progressive Conservative Members of the Poll Committees of the under mentioned polls at Bradalbane Hall Friday night in Bradalbane September 22nd at 8 P. M.

BRADALBANE, SPRINGFIELD, KELLY'S CROSS, HAZEL GROVE, NORTH GRANVILLE, SOUTH GRANVILLE, HOPE RIVER, WESTMORELAND and STANCHEL.

Both Federal Progressive Conservative Candidates for Queens County will be present and will be pleased to meet the Committees of these Polls.

MAJOR T. B. ROGERS, President. J. A. McDONALD, K.C., Secretary.

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Progressive Conservative Polls Meeting

There will be a meeting of all the Progressive Conservative Members of the Poll Committees of the under mentioned polls at Mt. Stewart Hall on Thursday evening in Mt. Stewart, September 21st at 8 P. M.

MT. STEWART, PISQUID, TRACADIE, BEDFORD, CURRAN BAN, LITTLE YORK and PLEASANT GROVE Both Federal Progressive Conservative Candidates for Queens County will be present and will be pleased to meet the Committees of these Polls.

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At Dieppe in August, 1942, and as now a prisoner-of-war in Germany. The Cross awarded to the second Canadian recipient was gazetted early in March, 1944, and was won in Italy. The third award to a Canadian was also for bravery in Italy, on May 24, 1944. The fourth Cross was earned posthumously by a flight-lieutenant of the R.C.A.F. in sinking a U-boat, in June, in the North Atlantic. In addition, two Victoria Crosses have been won in the present war by Canadians serving with British forces.

Those who have criticized Britain's alleged neglect of Syria, and the responsibility, it was a reasonable assumption that France would hold Indo-China and on that assumption ample provision to defend France collapsed. Even after France collapsed and we had warning through the French fleet and the attempt on Vichy through Syria, we could not believe Vichy would actually allow Japan to overrun Indo-China. Later we took no chances as regards Madagascar.

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