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

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Canada Still At War

Everyone is not aware that Canada is still nominally at war with Germany and Japan. This paradox of continuing to be at war when the war has been over for months, is explained by the necessity of an official proclamation that the conflict is ended and a state of peace exists, and by the fact that no such proclamation has yet issued from Ottawa.

There is a clause in the National Emergency Powers Bill which provides that the official time for the war's termination shall be the date when that measure becomes effective—namely on January first 1946.

The law at times, as Mr. Bumble sagely remarked, "is a hass."

Forest Conservation

In a recent speech to the Canadian Club in Montreal, the president and general manager of the Canadian Forestry Association, Mr. Robson Black, emphasized the importance of preserving the forest wealth of the Dominion by reminding his hearers that, though it took less than three acres to supply sufficient food for the sustenance of an individual, as much as four acres of woodland would be required to meet his annual material needs.

Canada has been so bountifully endowed by nature in respect to its timber resources that it is difficult to realize that there is a limit to the extent to which wholesale exploitation can be carried. Due to the efforts of far-seeing organizations which have undertaken the public duty of warning the authorities and the country at large of the inevitable result of the extravagant policies pursued in the past, a considerable improvement can be reported.

U. K. Vocational Guidance Plans

Proposals that will make a valuable contribution to the stability of employment in post-war Britain are contained in a report published recently of the Committee appointed by the Coalition Government in January 1945 under the chairmanship of Sir Godfrey Ince, Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, to consider the establishment of a juvenile employment service.

The machinery to help boys and girls leaving school to find suitable employment has existed in this country since the first decade of this century, but hitherto the responsibility has been divided between the Ministries of Labour and Education and the Scottish Education Department, who are assisted by advisory committees composed of educationists, employers, workpeople and welfare workers.

To ensure efficient administration the report suggests what is a new departure in Government machinery, namely, the establishment of a central executive to be staffed by officers of the Ministries of Labour and Education and the Scottish Education Department.

The second function of the service is the placing in employment. The Committee states its three main purposes—to fit the individual into the right job, to direct him from jobs harmful to his health or character or leading to no suitable career, and to ensure that the supply of juvenile labour is distributed according to national needs.

the Ministries of Labour and Education and the Scottish Education Department. The executive would be part of the Ministry of Labour and the Minister of Labour would bear the parliamentary responsibility.

The Central Executive would be assisted by a staff of specially selected inspectors to disseminate ideas and information and undertake research. Recognizing the importance of aid from the representatives of the education, industry and welfare services, the committee finally recommends that the existing Advisory Councils for England, Wales and Scotland should be placed by the National Advisory Council for Great Britain with separate advisory committees for Scotland and Wales, while the local Juvenile Employment Committees should be returned as an essential part of the Service.

EDITORIAL NOTES

King George VI ascended the throne this date, 1936, on the abdication of King Edward VIII.

Both the House of Commons and the Senate seem anxious to postpone rising until sure of a visit from Santa Claus.

Before the war the average adult in the United Kingdom smoked 5.1 cigarettes a day; in Canada, 2.3; and in the United States 4.7. The 1943 average was: United Kingdom, 6.1; Canada, 3.6; and United States, 6.9.

Establishment of a system of compulsory military service whereby every fit young man in Canada, without discrimination and without question, shall be required to fit himself for the defence of the country and that legislation be adopted to that purpose was the gist of a resolution passed unanimously at the convention of the Saskatchewan Command, Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L.

Will our optometrists please note! A British scientist has invented spectacles which can be trodden on, dropped or bent without being damaged. He is Professor Low, inventor of the bi-focal lenses—used for both long and short sight—and the contact, invisible lens which fits over the eyeball. His latest invention, unbreakable glasses, weighs less than a quarter of an ounce. They are made from one piece of fine wire with tiny, half moon lenses set just below the line of vision. The wearer can lift his eyes from his book for normal sight without interference from the glasses.

Charles Wesley, musician, born this date 1757, son of the Rev. Charles Wesley, poet and preacher; like his brother Samuel, he was a musical prodigy; as a baby his mother used to tie him to a harpsichord where he would amuse himself for hours together; when only two years and nine months old, he astonished his parents by playing a tune in correct time; his brother Samuel, born nine years later, was even a greater musical wonder, for at the age of eight he surprised the musical world by an Oratorio, entirely his own composition, entitled Ruth; when he reached manhood he composed a grand mass for Pope VI, for which the pontiff returned thanks in a flattering Latin letter; and, as if to make the amende honorable to his Protestant connection, Samuel composed thereafter a complete Cathedral service for the Church of England, on which his fame as a musician now principally rests.

That the "lowered level" of Canadian schools has brought down the level of Canadian universities, and that this lowering "has in turn sent the school level lower still" is the charge of Dr. H. L. Stewart, professor of philosophy at Dalhousie University, according to an article on University Life in Canada appearing in a recent issue of the Canadian magazine Culture. To the French Universities Dr. Stewart pays tribute for "the restraining influence" which they exert. "How often," he says, "have we had cause to be thankful for the obstinate stand of Laval or the University of Montreal against some device to win popularity by further sacrifice of the educational values. . . . Our French-Canadian universities, leading higher education for two-fifths of the people of the country, exert the sort of influence now that Oxford exerted three-quarters of a century ago, amid storms of 'democratic' innovation." In Dr. Stewart's opinion it is not the size of a college "but the size of the population from which it draws its students" that is significant. "Only a certain proportion of the people in any country will be at any time suited for university training," he adds.

The domestic market for dairy products depends to a large extent on continued high purchasing power, Mr. W. Frank Jones, president of the National Dairy Council of Canada, told the Central Ontario Cheesemakers' convention at Belleville, Ont. High wartime family earnings had proven that Canadians could consume great quantities of milk in many forms, in fact, spent a third of every food dollar on dairy products. Army rations experience for instance, had resulted in consumption of about 11 pounds of cheese per year per man, compared with about four pounds for the population as a whole, Mr. Jones believed. Consumers were not aware that every time they purchased a quart of milk the Government paid two cents of the legal price. They were not prepared for discontinuance of this consumer subsidy, and a great deal of explaining would be necessary. He believed all dairy subsidies should be termed "consumer" subsidies as the purpose was to keep up supply and keep the cost of living index down. Canada produced more milk than it needed at home. Hundreds of thousands of farmers, distributors and manufacturers depended on the industry which must export in order to survive and prosper. Export trade, especially in cheese and concentrated products, must be encouraged and expanded. New markets were necessary as the old established market in British appeared uncertain.

Notes By The Way

Alcohol is helping to solve London's acute laundry problem. Thousands of tons of family "wash" which would normally require huge quantities of precious soap now are being treated with sulphated fatty alcohol. —Vancouver Province.

Thieves stole a grand piano from the third floor of a lodging house in Boston and sold it to a second-hand dealer. We have known apartment dwellers who have felt like doing the same thing with both pianos and radios in adjoining apartments. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Research scientists in Britain are using penicillin to cure daily cattle of mastitis, one of their most serious diseases. The Manchester Guardian. The results are "almost too good to be true," says Professor Scott Watson, who is chief education and advisory officer of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The annihilation of Krupp as a war business removes from the heritage of Europe a war potential that undoubtedly invited the two calamities which struck this world in present century. There was a tradition that Krupp's factory turned out could be equaled or exceeded by any other nation. Science has now grown fonder to Krupp. What disposition the British will make of the huge concern remains to be seen. As far as the German menace is concerned, perhaps the greatest gain will be in the breaking of the Krupp tradition, while in the mountains of southern Italy the physical assets, Russia gets a percentage of the latter under the Potsdam agreement. —Stratford Beacon-Herald.

We all have heard of—and sometimes unappreciated—a juke box, but how many know how it came by its name? The answer is given in a fascinating, and an authoritative, Dictionary of Word Origins, compiled by Joseph T. Shipley. Here it is: "Juke (Box): In the mountains of southern United States, many Elizabethan words that have died out in England, are preserved. Thus 'juke', to dodge, to move quickly, was applied to the places where liquor was sold, in prohibition times; hence, any place where liquor was sold, the automatic phonograph, swept its popularity in such shops it came to be called a 'juke box.' —W. O. T. (Buffalo News).

Some people are always wishing for a simpler life when their life is much simpler than it is now. Well, some of our rural friends have had a taste of these good old days in the past, when the rain made the cornfields so soggy that the corn binder would not work and they were forced to resort to the sickle or short-handled hoe to cut their crop, then load the bundles on to the wagon. In the good old days, when the potatoes, even fall plowing, have been done this far as they were in the good old days, when the old days about as much as the city housewife who had to do the weekly washing on the scrub board because the machine needed repairing. —Kitchen Record.

Disasters which left much of Breckenridge, Sask., in ruins brings into the headlines one of those towns that derive their names from conventional circumstances. What with the times being hard, money scarce and oxen just about as plentiful as the wind, known to man, the early settlers often lived for considerable periods on bread and berries. It is this bread and berries that the country became jokingly known as "Bread and Berry" district. When the war came, the "Bread and Berry" title stuck. Finally, coming the more polished Breckenridge. —Windsor Star.

We miss the old parlor burner with a nostalgic pang. Surely everyone remembers the polished marvels of iron, nickel and mica. Everyone can recall that ruddy glow coming through the grate in those days, did not only heat, it imparted cheer and companionship. There was no other place to sit of an evening, and around the parlor heater, with shoes off and the feet basking in the glow, one had out of the snow and the feet were warm. At the rear, sure, it is not so good to give you children as was the fire about that? —Windsor Star.

A helicopter taxi may soon be an express train service to the remote corners of Britain. The Yorkshire Post reports that the Railway Air Services are considering a plan to establish an air taxi service costing no more than the average car prices which will take a passenger from home—whether in the Highlands or isolated districts of England—direct to the mainline station. The passenger will merely phone an order and an air taxi will call—almost literally "on the doorstep." The scheme is expected to raise the entire system of United Kingdom rail transport to the level of its express train services, which hold the world speed records.

During the war, bigger pay cheques made it possible for many people to enjoy their first regular participation in the city's entertainment and cultural advantages. Responding to an increased national demand, promoters sent more and more plays, concerts and similar attractions—many of dubious value—out on the road. Now the war is over and although it is presumed the general wage level will be maintained, people are going to think twice before parting with the \$1.50 to \$3.00 commonly charged for an afternoon or evening's entertainment. So it may well be time for local impresarios to think about their own reconversion problem. This is not to discourage first class attractions from coming to Minneapolis. But it might be well for the purveyors of entertainment to think twice—perhaps come to some mutual understanding—lest they find their efforts laying eggs that are far from golden. —Minneapolis Star-Journal.

Ottawa, after some slightly contradictory statements and counter-statements, has come out officially with the momentous announcement that "meatless day" regulations will not apply on Christmas

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the expression of opinions and comments of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

RAILS AT P. O.

Sir,—May I draw the attention of the P. O. director to the necessity for rails at the P. O. entrance. Wooden covers of the steps are all right and appreciated, but old people need the rails to balance themselves both ascending and descending. I am, Sir, etc.

Mrs. Mickle, P. O. PATRON Fitzroy Street.

LETTER FROM FLORIDA

Sir,—Greetings from the land of sunshine and oranges to the beautiful little island which by now must be fast asleep in the arm of Winter.

And here's a special warm, and I hope very sincere greeting to my many friends in the Garden of the Gulf. Although we may be separated by many miles I cannot help feeling that distance only makes the heart grow fonder to you. I put it, "time but 'tis' impression stronger makes as streams their channels deeper wear." Even though I would wander to the farthest corner of earth I still know that Prince Edward Island will always be to me the one spot which I shall ever look upon as "Home Sweet Home."

For me it is a land of contentment, full of sainted memories. My fondest dreams have centered around each hallowed and beloved scene, my greatest joys have found birth within the humble and historic domain; my greatest achievements and my greatest misfortunes all can be found in Edward Island. There, too, are my best and most loyal friends, friends who have stood by me in sunshine and in cloudy weather; friends that no man can put aside without experiencing the deep pangs of loneliness and regret. Although I have long travelled among the hills of adversity, I am happy to be able to say that my fellow men have used me far better than I deserve to be used. Such loyalty and such friendship are beyond price! Like a gift from the gods, it creeps into one's soul and creates a new desire to learn more about mankind. This message will, I hope, reach each beloved friend through the daily press, and bring to you individually a meaning and a hope which mere words can not adequately convey.

And had it not been for your thoughtfulness and humanitarian ideals this trip would in all probability have been impossible. That the change may be of some beneficial result is my hope as well as yours. By the time this letter goes to press we shall be nearing the Christmas season and it is my fervent prayer that God will grant all my friends a respite from the cares and ills of the flesh, so that each one who reads this message may find in the joyous Christmas just ahead the glad tidings: "Peace on earth good will to the wards men." I am, Sir, etc.

F. H. MacARTHUR Plant City, Florida.

The Poet's Corner

LINE STORM

The sea rose up. The sea went down. A faded rainbow. A bill of slack. From a coal-pit steep. And thick and black.

The sun was in. A faded rainbow. A faded rainbow. Brown to blue. The skipper said: "It can't be true."

"I never seen A ring like that. And I've sailed these waters Fifty years. And I'm sure, sure. And that's with ears."

"But not's' like The likes of 'that.' He spread his feet And held on tight To the wheel. The skipper flapped Just like a crow."

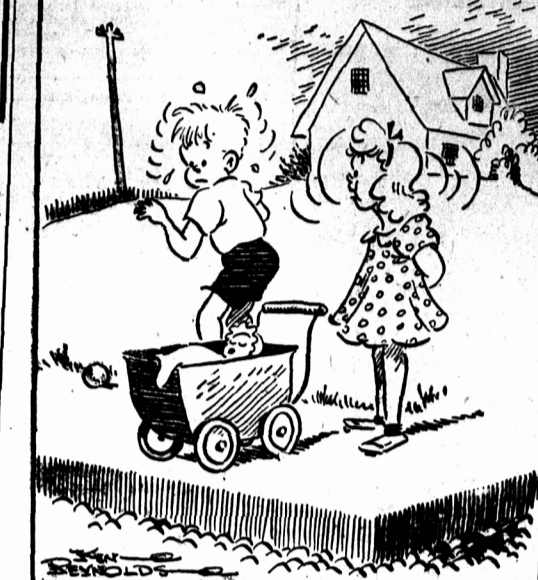
Flung like a bird In the growing dark. From side to side. He held the wheel. Though horizontal Head to heel.

He lay to left. He lay to right. Described an arc Between the two. And still hung on. And brove it through.

Pearl Strachan, in the Christian Science Monitor

QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds



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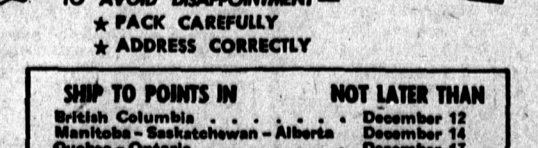
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