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

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C.N.R. Has Banner Year

It is encouraging to note from the year-end review of Mr. R. C. Vaughan, chairman and President of the Canadian National Railways, that the system will again turn over to the Federal treasury another substantial surplus totalling \$25,000,000 after the year 1945 operations. This is \$2,000,000 more than the net cash profits of 1944 despite the fact that operating revenues are somewhat reduced due to lower freight tonnage handled and fewer passengers carried in the latter months of the year.

Mr. Vaughan also announces that the company's post-war reconstruction and rehabilitation programme is well advanced and that a substantial cash reserve has been set aside to take care of the undertakings planned. This should have the effect of keeping up well the employment levels, for after six years of war the continuous heavy strain on railway equipment and facilities will necessitate a great deal of repairs and renewals that had to be deferred in order to meet the record demands made upon transportation services.

Throughout the war years the Canadian National made a contribution to victory that stands unequalled on this continent and the services it has continued to render since the end of hostilities also have been great, particularly in respect to the repatriation of Canadian service personnel and of British prisoners-of-war homeward bound from the Pacific. The part played by the C. N. R. employees in all branches of the service could not be overestimated. Their accomplishment of the tremendous tasks upon which they were called to perform showed not only a deep loyalty and faithfulness to their company but to their country in whose cause they neither failed nor faltered in their aid to make victory sure.

Probe That Petered Out

A matter of serious concern to Canadian taxpayers is the operations of the huge business known as War Assets Corporation. This Government organization has been handling sales at the rate of ten million dollars a month. It has sold some \$40,000,000 of war plants, and other big deals are pending. To investigate its operations a parliamentary committee was set up. This committee, it was revealed by Mr. J. M. Macdonnell, M.P. for Muskoka-Ontario, was nothing but a "solemn farce." It held eight meetings, heard a "pleasant" report on general principles but never reached the point where it could get its teeth into any of the consequential things that War Assets Corporation was doing.

Parliament has no longer protracted, and this farcical committee no longer exists. As the *Financial Post* well says, the taxpayer who should have had the protection of a thorough parliamentary scrutiny of these deals, has been side-tracked. Businessmen who are chaffing under petty or gross inefficiency in operation of the Corporation have no redress. It will be at least another three months, possibly much longer, before Parliament will again have a chance to review and probe the activities of this most important post-war undertaking. This is clearly not good enough.

Judging by complaints which have been heard even in this Province about the waste and extravagance of War Assets sales, even in comparatively small matters, the failure of Parliament to probe this Corporation's activities is nothing short of scandalous.

Forest Depletion

In a special supplement to Canadian Affairs, prepared by the Canadian Information Service, details are given of the pulp and paper industries of the Dominion. It is pointed out that the spread of democratic ideas throughout the world is bound to result in an ever-increasing demand for the products of our forests. In 1943 Canadian paper exported was worth \$161 million and wood pulp an additional hundred million, ninety per cent of the newsprint export going to the United States. More than 33 per cent of Canada's total land area is forest, about 493,000,000 acres of which are "accessible"; that is to say they are capable of profitable commercial exploitation. The important question is, of course, that of conserving future supplies. It is asserted that continuous crops of timber can be assured if the right methods of protecting the forests from exhaustion are employed.

It is not merely, or mainly, commercial use which is responsible for the depletion of our timber resources. The ravages of fire and insects, according to competent authority, consume more timber than that needed for the satisfaction of pulp and paper, lumber or fuel requirements. What can the general public, even if made "forest conscious" do about it? Not much, perhaps, towards fighting the insect menace, but it can at least make a valuable contribution to the fire-prevention campaign, by scrupulous obedience to the regulations and warnings of responsible authorities. The organization of an adequate conservation plan, and the task of seeing that it is properly carried out, must be left to the Governments and the experts appointed by them. No plan, however, can be successful without the co-operation of the public. There are the farm lots, which

are important sources of timber supply. It is urged that these be "harvested" in the same way as other crops, but over a long period, "in accordance with good forestry practice."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Nineteen hundred and forty-six. Many were on the march yesterday paying their respects to friends and acquaintances. Hogmanay is the Scottish name for the day preceding New Year's Day; it was misspelt in Monday's issue.

The hotels did a bustling business old year's eve and New Year's morn. And everyone seemed happy.

The pett show at Summerside will be the principal event of the current week, and all indications are that it will prove a marvel.

The new year was literally danced in by hundreds of young and old; the Charlottetown was never so crowded as it was on the present occasion, and the same may be said of every other celebration.

Undoubtedly this New Year entered auspiciously. With all the assured hope and prospect of prosperity, we have reason to be thankful that we are spared to lend a hand in the up-building of the new era.

Where would we have been now had we not the Hotel Charlottetown? It has become the centre of business and social activities, and, thanks to the admirable management of Mr. and Mrs. Mould, the prime attraction for visitors from elsewhere.

General James Wolfe, British soldier, born this date 1727; distinguished himself in Flanders, in the rising of the "Forty-five", and in his brilliant victory and noble death on the Heights of Abraham at the taking of Quebec.

During the war years approximately 38,000 Canadians died on the field of battle and another 36,000 of tuberculosis. The enemy abroad is beaten, but the enemy at home is still taking its toll. Tuberculosis is not inherited. It is a communicable disease, passed from one person to another. Mass surveys help to find these danger spots in the community.

The Allies "swing back" began in earnest this date 1942; at Washington, Britain, United States, Russia, China, the Netherlands and 21 other States signed a pact pledging each to employ all its resources against the Axis; Chinese troops moved into Burma; South Africans entered Bardia, capturing about 7,000 prisoners and releasing over 1,000 British war prisoners; Soviet troops re-occupied Maloyaro-slavets, key town to Moscow.

At the London Annual Exhibition of the British Royal Photographic Society, a collection of photographs, consisting of 31 "Sterio-Micrograms" belonging to Lieut. Colonel W. R. Mansfield, aroused special interest. The Micrograms were reproductions of commercial books, documents, testaments, deeds, etc., in which erasures, forgery or illegal modifications made would not have been detectable by the naked eye or by ordinary photographs. In the opinion of experts, the "Sterio-Micrograms" are a progressive step in criminology, which will facilitate the unmasking of forged documents.

A meeting of wholesale grocers scheduled for early in the New Year will discuss the trend in their industry involving a change over from the established custom of concentrating operations on "dry groceries" to a stock diversification programme which will bring this form of food distribution more in line with the times. With the development of "complete food stores" at the retail level, says a report, the importance of dry grocery sales by the average progressive retailer has dropped to about 25 per cent of his over-all volume. While chains and super-markets have gone along with this change in the operation of their warehouse divisions, the wholesale grocery trade, with few exceptions, has stood pat.

Of course, there are critics of the honours list, there has always been and always will be. Pull and push has considerable to do with having one's name included. Many are deservedly honoured, and perhaps would, if consulted, beg to be left out, while others covet the distinctions without deserving them and pull the strings to have their names included. But the latter are neither honoured nor honourable, mere charlatans palming themselves off as the genuine article. The most deserving laid down their lives for the wrong that needed resistance and the cause that needed assistance; while the honour list may include others who profited illegitimately by their sacrifice. It is nothing new, and the hope is that the "inevitability of gradualness" will one day in the new era bring about a change for the better.

Word has been received that the Federal government is making available through the provincial health departments an estimated 30,000 bottles of surplus blood plasma for civilian hospitals. Dr. F. W. Routley, national commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society, who made the announcement, said the bottles comprised 100,000 donations to the Red Cross and emphasized that the surplus was declared only after it was seen that supplies were available for veterans for some time. Until now, plasma has not been used extensively in civilian hospitals. A majority of the larger hospitals have their own blood banks where whole blood is kept on refrigeration for patients. These are operated on a replacement basis, where donors replace the amount of blood which has been given the patient. Those hospitals which do not have blood banks will be greatly benefited from this supply of surplus plasma. Dr. Routley announced that the Federal Health Department is turning over the plasma to the provincial health departments. They in turn are authorized to place it in civilian hospitals.

AGGRESSIVE BLUEJAYS

A pair of bluejays has been known to roost on a tree by a series of attacks in which one bird, noisily, attacked the other while the next dives in silently to deliver a sharp peck.

Notes By The Way

"The last time Hitler was seen alive, he wasn't himself," reports a correspondent. That's the only favorable report we ever had on Hitler. —Kitchener Record.

It is unavailing to remind a young man, who has been disappointed in love, that there are other girls in the sea, because he never has been caught. From her point of view, the big one got away. —Fort-Erie Times-Review.

It's really surprising what a lot of money a woman can spend and when there isn't supposed to be any Christmas merchandise left in the store. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Man in Hull has been sentenced to a year in prison for being found with a revolver in his possession, and maybe that sentence will serve as an example to other magistrates who are hesitating to deter other men from carrying concealed weapons. — Niagara Falls Review.

General Eisenhower was given the freedom of the City of London by the Mayor of London. It means says Empire Digest that the General has been granted two ancient and honorable privileges, which are not to be taken away. He cannot be arrested for drunkenness within the city limit. It is convicted of murder, he may be hanged in special robes!

The nature of the calling of fireman or policeman is a noble one in many respects. They both represent protective services in the community. They both involve unglorious and often unappreciated work. Extraordinary, as has been disclosed at a recent Board of Commissioners meeting, are the payments authorized for financial aid to the widow and family of a fireman losing his life through duty at Westport, in Canada, in the case of a policeman losing his life in the protection of the community. —Ottawa Citizen.

The school building which is closed every evening, weekend and holiday is becoming a thing of the past. The new idea is that the school building should belong to the community, says "The Toronto Star." It is a noble idea. The school has much right to claim. The school as we have it today is the result of the village crank, or an affected pedant. Therefore, I wish it understood at the beginning that my remarks are directed at no individual person or society, but merely at a prevalent school of thought (or should I say, lack of thought) which I sincerely believe exist in this, the town of my birth.

If a visitor to, or a native of, this comparatively ancient city should be surprised at the fact that he would not be conscious of any apparent lack of wealth or presence of ill-feeling, indeed we boast, and there is some justification in the conspicuous lack of what is termed the idle rich, there is by the same token a fortunate lack of which is not to be envied. The parts of the world invariably take note of our hospitality and generosity. If then we know not what we are doing, let us develop a community spirit (for such a spirit is but the offspring of a thriving and happy community) which will not only exist in this, the town of my birth.

If an incident at an auction sale in Westport, Canada, was taken as anything of a criterion, there has been a decided increase in the price of sleighs during the past few months. The *Enterprise News*. Few sleighs are being made at the present time and the price is bound to rise. The result is they are getting scarce. At an auction sale in 1939 the farmer in a question was asked to sell a sleigh. At his own clearing sale recently, the same set of sleighs brought \$100. The price has increased and has been considerably reduced in the past decade or so and still far from being plentiful in rural areas such as North Wellington.

Those bottles on a barber's bar always cause us great concern and uneasiness whenever we fold up in a tonorial chat to have our hair trimmed. The case with their bottles is the same. They tempt us like the sauciest of imps, with their attractive forms of all sizes and shapes, and their glistening colors and their promise of a smartly mystery. We have often heard of a barber who has been asked to instruct the tresser trimmer to take down each bottle in turn and pour it out with reckless abandon. But he always weeps, and when we leave the shop our head is always dry, or, at the most, has a slightly damp top. The hair having been passed under the water tap.

The clothing trade has announced that women have grown larger during the past years. This is particularly the case with their feet and waists and it suggested this is due to heavier types of work executed by women and to the fact that they are wearing loose-fitting fashions. To disguise what is regarded as a disfigurement the clothing designers will include bustles, flounces and furbelows. The Ministry of Food said that the middle-aged woman has practically disappeared in Britain during the war. Normal weight curves show an increase up to the age of 35, after which gradual loss sets in. Wartime curves show the increase to cease at 35. —Windsor Free Press.

It is no secret at all that the most orderly and best-administered zone in Germany is the British. The British professional soldier takes to administration of an occupied country with a measure of objectivity. His habits of mind derive from an imperial tradition. To administer a subject people to whom he is not related, and who are in an economic emergency, this is a way of life which comes instinctively to most Britons, and especially to the educated professional soldier in whose mind command is identical with responsibility for the welfare of those to whom he gives orders. These men can't help looking after any one whose life is placed in their hands. They are happy and efficient in doing it. —Ottawa Journal.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of local interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

KENSINGTON MEMORIAL HALL

Sir,—At a recent meeting of the Kensington Legion B. E. S. L. a resolution was passed to erect a memorial hall in memory of our fallen comrades and in honor of those who served in the wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45.

While the members of the Legion are sponsoring this movement they are willing to do their full share in erecting this memorial. They think that the responsibility of doing so should rest on their shoulders entirely.

The members of the Kensington and surrounding territories are approached in this very worthy cause.

It is felt that the citizens of Kensington and surrounding territories should be supported by them to their utmost.

MEMBER KENSINGTON YOUTH WELFARE NEGLECTED

Sir,—It is a singular fact in the history of society in the civilized nations of modern times that no false step so irrevocable as one made in early youth. With all due deference to the wife of the poet, Shelley, I will nonetheless ignore the fact that a young man with your kind permission, give vent to a grievance that I have long entertained, for I believe such a grievance should exist in this, the town of my birth.

I am, Sir, etc.

VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT

Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to write a note of appreciation to "Woodsmen," one of which appeared through the Public Forum several days ago and the other one this Wednesday past concerning veterans' jobs.

First of all I wish to express my thanks to my good friend "Ed Block" for his kind and thoughtful letter which appeared in the *Guardian* and which I can't recall at the present time of having read "Woodsmen's" first letter to the Public Forum, but I recall very clearly indeed having read his letter last Wednesday in the *Guardian* and was just wondering what kind of a note of appreciation he had written to me. I can't recall at the present time of having read "Woodsmen's" first letter to the Public Forum, but I recall very clearly indeed having read his letter last Wednesday in the *Guardian* and was just wondering what kind of a note of appreciation he had written to me.

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