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

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Debating The War Effort

When Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced last week the Government's intention to move a second adjournment when Parliament meets on November 5, he said the motion would not be debatable and that only a few minutes would be required for the formality.

Newspaper opinion welcomes the idea that there be full opportunity given for discussion of Canada's war effort at the reopening on November 5, and before further adjournment to January is made.

"The Government is now engaged in the greatest effort which this Dominion ever attempted. The Government is responsible for spending money on an unprecedented scale. And there have been many signs of dissatisfaction with the war effort.

Sweeping For Mines

The most important job in the Royal Canadian Navy is performed by the stubby-hulled little vessels that block the gates of the Atlantic to keep Canada's harbor approaches free from mines.

The days of a minesweeper starts shortly after the first rays of the sun spread across the chilly waters of the North Atlantic. Even during these summer days the ocean winds are cool enough to make necessary the wearing of heavy coats and mufflers.

if the necessity arises. At the stern are carried a number of depth charges. They are thus prepared for encounters with submarines whether the latter be on the surface or under water.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Agricultural implements, certified seed potatoes and newsprint represent over 75 per cent of the imports from Canada into Argentina.

Let us forget, have you remembered your Red Cross, your P.E.I. Hospital, your City Hospital, your Protestant Orphanage contributions?

The latest estimate of the United States potato production points to a total of 383,172,000 bushels as compared with 304,016,000 bushels in 1939 and an average of 366,949,000 bushels for the ten year 1929-38.

Carried in this week's issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal is a summary of the trade of Canada for August, 1940; and for the eight months, and twelve months ending August, 1940.

The first official estimate of 17,049,000 acres sown in Argentina to wheat for harvest this December shows a decrease of 4.4 per cent when compared with the previous year's acreage.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, etc. One of our guest children was saying her evening prayer at the knees of her new-found aunt, when she concluded as follows—"and dear God, bless Mummy and Daddy and all the soldiers, sailors and airmen and, (after a short pause), dear God, do take care of Yourself because if you don't we are sunk."

U.S.A. Ambassador Messersmith to Cuba, who has served in many European capitals, predicts Britain will win but the war will be long. He says Japan will attempt to dominate the Far East but would be stopped before going very far.

Benjamin West, American artist, born this date, 1738. He settled in England and revolutionized English historical painting by abandoning pseudo-classic in his "Death of General Wolfe"; succeeded Reynolds as president of the Royal Academy, 1792; his style is dignified if somewhat lacking in passion: "A kiss from my mother made me a painter."

Canada was third supplier of imports into the Union of South Africa for the first six months of 1940 with 5 per cent of the total in comparison with fourth position and 3.9 per cent for the corresponding period in 1939.

The rule that men enlisting in the Canadian Active Service Force must have been resident in Canada at September 1, 1939, has been dropped. The change is a provision for the future when highly specialized men may be needed.

Two funerals of distinguished Islanders take place at the same time today but at far distant centres—Dr. MacLeod at Belfast and Dr. Nicholson at Montreal. Dr. Nicholson like Dr. MacLeod gained honour and distinction for himself and Province both at home and abroad.

Draftees will not be required under present plans, to take further training after they have finished their 30 days in camp. Previously it had been announced from Ottawa that the trainees would be attached to Non-Permanent Active Militia units and drill one or two nights a week during the winter.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

An interesting definition of the word "antique," just mentioned in connection with the prohibition of the export of "antiques" from this country, gives an age of 75 years as fulfilling the condition of antiquity.

Italy is going to strike a body blow to the British blockade enforced by the British fleet cloth is growing scarce, and in retaliation the Italian Government is instituting a rationing system for less heads and shorts instead of trousers.

It is becoming more and more difficult to imagine what purpose Germany has in mind in the preservation of an impotent and ruled Germany after the war.

Fear can be a healthy condition or it can become a virulent disease. When a small boy who doesn't like to go to school with his mother up, you can be pretty certain he won't be a coward when he becomes a man.

In these week-end footpath strolls far out of London, which nowadays serve to make up for abandoned holidays, we frequently encounter Dominion warriors.

Don't shoot at a moving bus—there might be a person behind it. Don't point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot—people are no more bullet-proof than game animals.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of subjects of interest. The CharloTTetown Guardian will occasionally endorse the opinions of correspondents.

A BALD HEADED EAGLE

Sir:—In your issue of the 8th instant a news item appeared saying a native of Marshfield shot a bald headed eagle. We have no objection to receiving praise when deserved but shy clear of disgrace when possible.

Another Historic Parallel

(Manchester Guardian) Following the coronation of Napoleon by Pope Pius VII in Notre-Dame, the new Emperor sent a letter to George III which bears a striking resemblance in some ways to Hitler's speech offering peace to Great Britain.

"Called to the throne of France by Providence, and by the suffrages of the senate, the people and the army, my first sentiment is a wish for peace. I have, I hope, sufficiently proved to the world that I fear none of the chances of war. Peace is the wish of my heart, but war has never been inconsistent with my glory. I venture your majesty not to deny yourself the happiness of giving peace to the world; for, certainly, there never was a more fortunate opportunity, nor a moment more favorable to silence all the passions and listen only to the sentiments of humanity and reason. This moment once lost, what end can be assigned to a war which all my efforts will not be able to terminate?"

R.A.F. and you". . . In the midst of the bombardment of London . . . Beaverbrook cabled his reply to Dixie: "Your message inspired me and will encourage the Air Force to retain your affection." — New York Post.

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Commonwealth Air Training Plan
By J. A. WILSON, M.L.C.
Controller of Civil Aviation

The original programme provided for sixty-four flying training schools, twenty of which were to be opened in 1940, the first in June, thirty-six in 1941, and the remainder during the first half of 1942.

The Royal Canadian Air Force, hampered for many years by lack of funds for aerodrome construction, had at the outbreak of war only five aerodromes ready for use and six under construction.

MONTREAL, Oct. 9, 1940 — The gross revenues of the all inclusive Canadian National Railways system for the week ending October 7, 1940, were \$5,001,138 as compared with \$4,867,725 for the corresponding period of 1939 an increase of \$133,550 or 2.7 per cent.

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