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

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Teachers' Salaries

In the recent provincial election campaign the platforms of both the major parties contained reference to school teachers' salaries. The Conservatives promised to pay cost of living bonuses, the Liberals to pay increased salaries to teachers who qualify in First Aid and put their training into practice.

On the subject of teachers' salaries the Globe and Mail has a timely editorial. It notes that in all the discussions of wage inequalities and the necessity now for raising wages in low-income groups, the teaching profession gets little consideration.

Teachers have left their jobs in great numbers since the beginning of the war. Many volunteered for military service, both men and women. Many others have gone into war work and into Government service, not because they failed to appreciate the importance of teaching, but because they were better paid for serving their country in other ways.

Teachers' salaries have in many instances been low only because in rural areas, under depressed farm prices, the community could pay no more. But, aware of the injustices and inequalities which such vicissitudes impose on the teachers, is it not time that we worked out an alternative method?

Honey Crop In 1943.

The 1943 honey crop is tentatively estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 32.5 million pounds—one of the best on record. It exceeded the 1942 crop of 24.1 million pounds by 8.4 million pounds or 35 per cent. Although there was a slight decline in the number of producing colonies this year the average yield was 78 pounds per colony as compared with only 56 pounds in 1942 and the long-term average yield of 70 pounds. About 28 millions pounds, or 87 per cent of the crop was light honey.

One-third of the total Canadian crop was produced in Ontario where production is estimated at 12 million pounds as compared with the short crop of 7.8 million pounds in the previous year. Production in the Prairie Provinces totalled about 14 million pounds, which is considerably in excess of the 10.6 million pounds produced in 1942. A good crop of approximately five million pounds of honey was extracted in Quebec. Production in British Columbia was estimated at 1.3 million pounds, which is slightly less than the amount produced in 1942. Production in the Maritime Provinces was less than in the previous year.

About 50 per cent of the crop had already been marketed when retail sales of honey were suspended by government order prior to the introduction of coupon rationing for this commodity effective September 2. Prior to that date the greater proportion of sales had been made direct to the consumer with very little honey moving through normal trade channels.

Notes By The Way

A woman's page writer declares there's only 1 thing to be said about a man who stays out late at night. But why known 2,000 ways to say it. —Guelph Mercury.

A lady plumber is among the untoward consequences of the manpower shortage. Having to go back for the fignerglass lacquer will be new. —Winnipeg Tribune.

So Rudolf Hess wanted Prime Minister Churchill and his Government fitted before Hitler would do business with England. However, even at that time, Mr. Churchill was firmly frozen in his job. —Toronto Globe and Mail.

Indirect taxes are very high in Britain. More than half the price of a pint of beer goes in tax. Twenty cigarettes cost 46 cents, of which 37 cents is for tax. On an income of \$4,000 a married man with two children would pay about \$100 in indirect tax, in addition to \$1,000 in direct tax. —Brandon Sun.

A stone coffin which has been lying around the yard of a gas works in Norfolk, England, for 35 years, is believed to contain the remains of the Danish King Sweyn, later accepted King of England, says The Montreal Herald. He was the father of King Canute, and was an invasion expert 940 years ago. He invaded England, stormed Exeter, ravaged Wiltshire. Ten years later aided by Canute, he made a complete conquest of the country. The story goes that just before he was to have been crowned he was stabbed to death. The sarcophagus was unearthed on an ancient church site now occupied by the gas works. —Exchange.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Zombies being released, as a result of the obvious failure of the plan, are as was feared, going to get the first opportunity for Government assistance in civil reestablishment. The real Army is bound to resent this—despite the fact that labour organizations have endorsed the plan.

Evidently Ottawa is still regardless of our interests notwithstanding election promises. They have held up our wharf improvements, our new Car Ferry, and now our Sanatorium, additions. With us, as in the case of the American railway millionaire towards the public, the Mackenzie King attitude is—"Prince Edward Island be damned!"

If the price-ceiling collapses—as Mr. Gordon fears it may—one important reason may be that it has been impaired in public favor by a number of the regulations which appear to the people as both unnecessary and absurd. The big battle may be in Ottawa on the wage front. But in the sewing circles in villages and cities, there is a growing opinion that some people in the price-control administration are plumb crazy.

The Quebec Liquor Commission published a forceful advertisement last week using 60 inches of space in a big list of daily and weekly papers. Headed "A Word of Warning and Advice" this was designed to show the dangers of purchasing any form of liquor through unlicensed sources. Copy pointed to the dangers to health, the breaking of the law and the thorough unpatriotism of any who purchased liquor through sources other than the Commission. Showing how liquor ingredients and machinery is now subject to priorities, copy stated that "efficient apparatus is virtually unobtainable with the result that present day illicit distillation strikes a new and dangerous low."

Professor William Robertson Smith, Scottish theologian and Orientalist born this date 1846; after a distinguished University and ecclesiastical career, became professor of Old Testament and Oriental Languages at Christ College, Aberdeen; but certain of his articles on the higher Biblical Criticism so offended the Church authorities that in 1881 the General Assembly deprived him of the professorial Chair; the following year he became the editor of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and in 1883 was appointed professor of Arabic at Cambridge; at his death the Assembly not only erased the dismission resolution from its minutes, but voted \$5,000 to provide a stained glass window in his memory in Assembly Hall.

A Jew in a witness box taking an oath, must have his head covered. When Archibald Mendelson of Toronto stepped into the witness box in defence of an alleged assault on Tim Ho, Chinese, his head was bare. "Do you wear a hat when you take the oath?" he was asked by Magistrate W. F. Woodcliffe. "Yes, I should, but I haven't got my hat with me," the youth replied. "In that case, I think you had better get one before you are sworn," the court ordered. At this point Mendelson ran into difficulties. A survey of the court-room revealed no men's hats were to be had. So he did the next best thing under the circumstances. He borrowed the only headpiece available, a neat creation of pink felt, embellished with rosettes around the brim and topped off with an off-the-face veil. With the fragile head covering perched precariously on his head, Mendelson stepped back into the box and the oath was administered.

A rose by any other name may smell all right, but now it assumes the part of a vitamin. Rose hips, as a source of ascorbic acid, commonly known as Vitamin C, have been the subject of a great deal of research both in England and in the Soviet Union and more recently in Canada by the Nutrition Services, Department of Pensions and National Health at Ottawa. Various tests point to the fact that the content of ascorbic acid in a given quantity of rose hips varies with climatic conditions where the roses grow. For instance, Nova Scotia roses show a low per cent of Vitamin C per 100 grams of roses hips; roses grown in Quebec in the vicinity of Macdonald College show a slightly higher per cent of Vitamin C per the same quantity of rose hips while those grown in Alberta show a decided increase in vitamin content. Rose hip extract, containing about five per cent Vitamin C, can be obtained by covering the whole hips with water, boiling them for about 15 minutes, breaking the fruits to a pulp and filtering this through flannel.

ers, and no one will fret more than they at their helplessness. They will be liberated eventually, but probably not before Germany has been crushed. —Windsor Star.

For 500 years a custom has been carried out in the comely village of Little Dunmow, Essex, England, of awarding a slice of bacon — to any man and wife who can produce evidence that for one year and a day they never had the slightest "spat" and had no cause to regret the sleep they had taken. The trial is held in the parish hall, and usually attracts a large native and out-of-town audience, who extract a good deal of fun from the proceedings which are conducted by a local jury composed of bachelors and maidens, assisted in arriving at their findings by an examiner and a judge. Neighbors are called as witnesses over some of the questions propounded to the candidates. The proceedings were held this year as usual, and two couples were deemed to be worthy winners of the bacon. But for the first time since the 12th century, there was no bacon to offer on account of the rationing restrictions which are more strict than during the last war. However, two "gammons," or smoked hams, were borrowed from a local merchant, and were obliged to hand them back immediately. Instead of bringing home the bacon, they had to hand it back. But after the war they will get their flitches. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Hope burns in Norway, hope for a new day of freedom from Nazi rule is overthrown. In a recent book, They Came as Friends, by Thor Myklebust, the story of the Nazi invasion of Norway is told in all of its cold, bitter, traitorous brutality.

PUBLIC FORUM

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HOG PRODUCTION AND THE EXPORT TRADE

Sir.—Recent reports from the Bacon Board indicate that the 1942-43 quota promised to the British Purchasing Board will be filled, and perhaps slightly more so, when final shipments are concluded. This satisfactory showing has been made possible, mainly on two counts—the splendid response by hog producers to the appeal for increased production, and the intelligent management of the hog industry distribution by the Dominion Bacon Board.

A year or so ago Canada increased her allotment of pork products to the British Government, over that of the previous year, and then asked the producers to fill the bill. It seemed a tremendous undertaking, and it was necessary that every section of the Dominion—East and West—do its part. Without further elaboration, suffice it to say that the job has been done, and tremendously well done. Bacon was difficult to procure, feed for Eastern requirements was far remote, and it was only with great difficulty, and in a rather awkward fashion that these supplies were at all made available for local needs. Despite such handicaps, it can be said that our fighting men on the "other side" were so much accomplished by so few people under such difficult circumstances as was done by the farmers of the Maritime Provinces during the past year.

On several occasions during the year of 1942, appeals were made by the Bacon Board to the people of Canada, to "eat less pork products" so that greater quantities might be shipped to our fighting men on the "other side". The response was not satisfactory. In fact, such appeals seemed only to advertise the commodity we were asked to refrain from using, and consumption was thereof increased—probably a modern indication of the attitude of human beings towards "forbidden fruit", and that fundamentally we have not changed so much with the passing of the years. Black markets developed in various parts of the country, and desirable distribution was seriously interrupted and impeded. Even in our own Province its demoralizing influence was felt, and for a time threatened to overthrow all organized effort of production and distribution. Again it became impressively evident that more authoritative action was necessary if officially planned export policies were not to be thwarted, and as a result, fixed quotas for domestic consumption were determined, operation of slaughtering centres restricted in number, and an altogether more effective system of over all supervision instituted. Introduction of these innovations appears to have had the desired effect, so that with the quota year ending October 31st, 1943 Canada can face the world conscientiously assured that in this respect as in many other ways, she is meeting her obligations, and Prince Edward Island farmers have not lagged in playing their part.

I am, Sir, etc. J.A. GILLIES, Secretary P.E.I. Co-Operative Marketing Board.



AUTUMN TRAIN RIDE

Snugly along the climbing railroad The heavy mountain leans its wooded back. The sun, the trees in rival beauty burn. Fading to mauve, to purple as we turn. Like a cool wraith, to share this evening tryst, From the smooth sky descends the autumn mist. Under the damp and swiftly moving hush Of afterglow, now blackened fern Breathe a fresh incense; now the acrid smoke Mingles with scent of pine; the width of Lifts like a benediction. A cold moon Baffles the landscape; winter comes too soon. But see, the black grows warm With frosty light, Tempered to wisdom in the autumn night. —Catherine Haydon Jacobs in Christian Science Monitor.



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