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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1941.

New Price Ceiling

Attention is called to the Dominion Government
notice in today's issue, giving details of
the new price ceiling policy now in effect. The
obligations resting upon retailers, wholesalers,
and manufacturers are succinctly set forth, and
should clear up any misunderstanding that may
have existed with regard thereto.

In addressing a gathering of newspapermen
at Ottawa last week Mr. Donald Gordon,
chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade
Board, frankly conceded that price fixing was
a limitation of competitive enterprise and was
bound to involve some measure of sacrifice. It
was, however, the only practical alternative to
inflation consequent upon wartime financing.
While the price ceiling has been fixed only with
regard to retail prices, this does not mean that
wholesalers and manufacturers are exempt from
its provisions. Everyone back from the retailer
to the primary producer must accept a lower
price, so that the retailer may receive his re-
placements at a cost which will enable him to
absorb only his own additional costs in the form
of labor or other overhead and still sell the goods
at a reasonable profit. The arrangement must
be on terms equitable to all classes; otherwise
the Government will step in. Mr. Gordon is a
soft-speaking gentleman, but a two-fisted one.
He quite evidently meant what he said. The
Board of which he is chairman will supply
whatever type of expert advice or assistance
is thought necessary and will use its
powers, if required, to enforce the authority
of its administrators. But it is hoped that busi-
ness itself will seize the opportunity of showing
what it can do in the way of self-regulation. In-
deed, it is emphasized that the policy can only
be fully successful if placed on the basis of
human relationship, involving mutual goodwill,
co-operation and understanding.

St. Andrew's Dinner

The spirit of St. Andrew's Day celebrations
is so much in keeping with patriotic sentiment
and tradition that no apology is required for
continuing such celebrations during wartime.
Indeed, it would be a matter for regret if op-
portunities of this kind were not taken to em-
phasize the ideals for which we are at war. The
Feast of St. Andrew falling this year on Sun-
day last, the local celebration by the Caledonian
Club will take place in the form of a dinner at
The Charlottetown this evening. The address on
"The Day and A' Wha Honour It" will be
given by Clansman W. R. Shaw, and that on
"The Empire" by the Rev. T. H. Bussell Somers.
Other speakers will include His Honour the
Lieutenant Governor, President D. F. Bethune,
and His Worship Mayor Holman. A fine musical
programme has also been prepared, and the
function promises to be one of the most inspir-
ing held in recent years.

Heroic Exploit

Once again the war is brought home to us by
yesterday's news of the heroic exploit of Sgt.
Pilot H. A. MacLeod, son of Rev. A. A. Mac-
Leod of O'Leary. Pilot MacLeod was badly
wounded along with a companion while engaged
on anti-submarine patrol with a Royal Air
Force coastal command squadron, when a Nazi
plane attacked them with cannon and machine
gun fire. They brought their machine, a Hud-
son bomber, safely back to England, although
one engine was afire and the plane was riddled
by enemy shells. Both men are reported to be
recovering in hospital, after exhibiting courage
and initiative of the highest order. Sgt. Mac-
Leod was preparing for the Ministry when he
enlisted in the spring of 1940. His many friends
in this Province and throughout the Maritimes
will wish him a speedy return to health and
strength.

Oil In Prince Edward Island

The Monetary Times takes note of the fact
that through most of last summer and until re-
cently a crew of men were making a seismo-
graphic survey of Prince Edward Island to de-
termine the likelihood of finding oil. "Until field
notes are plotted and observations translated,"
says the Times, "these men were not inclined to
talk. At any rate the report of the survey must
go to the interests that employed them. But some
of the party did speak. One is a surveyor from
Tulsa, Oklahoma; it is the opinion that there isn't
much question but that there is oil in P. E. I.
But the surveys solve only some of the guess-
work, the proof is to put down a hole. Another
member of the party was confident the people
of the Island were sitting on a reservoir of oil.
There was some drilling for oil in P. E. I. in
1925, but the hole went only to 5,000 feet. The

man from Oklahoma thinks the drill will have
to go down 9,000 feet at least. This is said to be
not difficult as modern drilling machinery can
penetrate to 15,000 feet. There is some prospect
that drilling will be resumed. It is recalled there
was prospecting and drilling for oil in Gaspe
peninsula last summer."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. Jack Creed, chairman of the Toronto
Retail Furriers Association, announces that 34
Toronto furriers have donated approximately
\$20,000 worth of furs to the Canadian Red
Cross. The furs will be used to raise funds for
Russian medical relief supplies.

In view of the fact that Russians are success-
fully resorting to the use of infantry and moun-
ted forces as a last resort are our authorities wise
in entirely disbanding our mounted regiments?
There are only eight horses in the Canadian (Ac-
tive) Army today compared with the hundreds
used before the army was mechanized. Maj. Gen.
W. A. Griesbach of Edmonton told a meeting
of the Edmonton District Thoroughbred So-
ciety. The speaker said he was not permitted to
say for what the horses were used. Perhaps to
haul officers motor cars in black-outs.

Herando Cortes, Spanish soldier and dis-
coverer, died this date, 1547; assisted in the
conquest of Cuba; was in charge of Spanish colo-
nists sent to Mexico; founded Vera Cruz; was
worshipped as a god by subjects of Montezuma
Emperor of Mexico; treacherously seized Mont-
ezuma, and finally subdued Mexico; granted by
Charles V of Spain a large province with the
title of Marquis; discovered Lower California,
in 1536; was grasping, cruel and unmerciful, but
with military genius and initiative to equal
Hitler's.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull announces
that the United States will negotiate a reciprocal
trade agreement with Iceland where American
troops are cooperating with the British in pro-
tecting this Atlantic island outpost. Coinciden-
tally, the Committee for Reciprocity Information
announces that public hearings on proposed
changes in duties will be held Dec. 15 and that
all briefs should be in by noon Dec. 3. Fish
skins, cod-liver oil and derivatives of various
kinds are involved in the proposed lowering of
United States duties.

Here are two examples from the Old
Country of what may be expected from dis-
obedience of the Prices Ceiling order: A fine of
\$100 was imposed at Edinburgh Sheriff Court
on Veitch Moir, Ltd., Market Street, for a con-
travention of the Home-Grown Tomatoes
(Maximum Prices) Order. The firm pleaded guilty
to the charge, which stated that being second-
ary retailers they sold an Edinburgh fruiterer
24 lbs of tomatoes at a price of \$2.78 per 12
lbs. being a price exceeding the maximum price
of \$2.30 per 12 lbs. Maurice Friedlander was
sentenced at the Old Bailey, London, to six
months' imprisonment with hard labour for offer-
ing to sell 46,800 tins of canned fruits above
the maximum prices. He was given two months'
hard labour on each of the three charges, and was
fined \$500 on each charge.

The Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association
announce that Onslow Lass, an Ayrshire cow
owned by Mary F. Hooper of Pictou, N. S.,
now is world's champion Ayrshire butterfat pro-
ducer with 7,812 pounds of butterfat from 182-
113 pounds of milk in 10 lactations or 3,632
milking days. The mark set by Onslow Lass ex-
ceeded that of Macdonald Dorothy of the Mac-
donald College herd, Ste. Anne de Bellevue,
Que.—total production of 17,996 pounds of
milk and 7,309 pounds of fat in 10 lactations
Onslow Lass in addition to winning Canadian
Ayrshire Breeders' silver cups as highest pro-
ducer of her year on five different occasions,
previously was the highest butterfat producing
Ayrshire on three milkings a day, and the high-
est butterfat producing cow of any breed in the
Maritimes.

The British Minister of Information at a Lon-
don luncheon contrasted German "propaganda
with the British aim of 'giving facts and noth-
ing but facts.' The former was a 'fading force';
Hitler's newspapers were now "both unreadable
and unbelievable." Relying on facts, Mr. Brend-
an Bracken went on to call the Nazis "the most
wicked people who had ever directed mankind;"
and Mussolini "the bloated braggart who directs
the affairs of Italy." But even Mr. Bracken
might lack phrases for "Lord Haw-Haw." This
traitor was said lately by Berlin to have been
"banned from the air." Some time afterwards
he explained with the effrontery which has al-
ways distinguished him that the American broad-
casting companies had rejected his offer of Nazi
propaganda talks for rebroadcast in the United
States. In New York a representative of the
Columbia Broadcasting System confirmed the
offer of the speeches and observed: "Only a
Lord Haw-Haw would expect us to broadcast a
haw-haw."

Premier Godbout does not think Prime Min-
ister King is contemplating an election, nor is he
worrying over attacks upon himself from cer-
tain quarters for being too "war-minded" al-
though they did not leave him cold, he admitted,
unfair criticism of any nature not being particu-
larly pleasant. But, he insisted, in an interview,
if Quebec were to retain a place in the sun for
herself after the war it was up to him to keep
on telling the world that Quebec was fully be-
hind the war effort and prepared to go the limit
to down totalitarianism. "If," he asked, "His
Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve and I don't talk
facts, and straight facts to, and for the, Province
of Quebec, who is to do it?" The reasons why
were of secondary importance but the fact re-
mained that there was great sympathy for, and
understanding of the Province of Quebec in the
United States, Premier Godbout, asserted.
Grounds should never be given to alter this situ-
ation, he believed because after the war, like all
others, provinces, Quebec stood to profit by
good relations established now during wartime.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Note this from the City Hall:
Acermen declare that there is too
much oratory at Council meetings.
That has been a general impression.
What mystifies the people now is
whether promise of less loquacity is
to be a protection of the people by
candidates. — Globe and Mail

If the Germans can be thrown
out of Africa it will not only secure
the Suez Canal from the west,
and ease the problem of support-
ing Turkey; it may ultimately
secure Tunis and even Bizerta
French Morocco may yet be pre-
served from the Nazis and the
line to Dakar brought under con-
trol; position can be taken for a
landing in Sicily or for contesting
Spain, and opportunities opened
for offensive actions that can have
far-reaching consequences. All
these possibilities are at the mo-
ment, of course, but distant
dreams, which can only be realiz-
ed, if at all, by great effort. But
the fact that they do beckon above
the veteran armies as they invade
Cyrenaica for the second time,
stamps its true importance on this
new development, which has a great
struggle. — Herald-Tribune.

An acute shortage of briar for
tobacco pipes is developing. Will
the little clay pipe, Pimper-
ney, "sweet as a nut and strong as
a bull," come back into popularity?
— Hamilton Spectator.

Steps should be taken by the
provincial highways department to
construct paths along one or two of
the more heavily travelled high-
ways at once. By filling in the
ditches which would make it possible
for the man atop to proceed in
safety. — Chatham News.

Remember the experts who gave
Russia just two weeks before
collapse? There certainly never in
all history has been such fighting
in Russia as is being seen, the
Germans making advances only
through the blood and over the
corpses of their own men. —
Niagara Falls Review.

Most people in this country would
like to give the fighting Russians
a helping hand. There is one ef-
fective way of doing it and that
is by supporting the Dominion gov-
ernment's appeal for \$500,000 a
sum needed for the purchase of
supplies, principally medical, to be
sent to Russia. The Canadian Red
Cross, which has already appro-
priated \$100,000 from its own
budget and has already sent one
shipment of medical and surgical
supplies, is making the appeal in
the name of the Government, using
its nation-wide organization as
the collecting agency. The Russian
people are fighting Canada's
battle, not the Soviet armies only,
but the air force, the navy, the
civilians as well, women as well as
men. The conflict along the east-
ern front is being waged at ter-
rific cost on both sides. It is the
Russian people who are saving
Canada's concern and if the small
sum of half a million dollars —
small for a people as well-o-do
and as generous as Canadians are
— could mean the saving of Rus-
sian lives, if alleviating Russian
suffering, it should be given, and
at once. The British Red Cross,
already heavily burdened is con-
tributing for £10,000 for the
same purpose, and the people of
Britain, notwithstanding all that
they are already doing, will supply
the money Canadians should ac-
cept, this opportunity eagerly. —
Montreal Gazette.

Peter, aged nine, proud owner of
a black kitten whose antics are a
never-failing source of interest,
is announced as an incredulous but
slightly startled household that
"Susan was out" in the garden
watching the parrots. "Puffed
for further details he volunteered
the information that the kitten was
sitting underneath the chestnut
tree watching the leaves "bail out".
— Manchester Guardian.

Ever get into a crowded city
street car or bus at rush hour,
filled hot, tired workers homeward
bound? Between sharp commands
of the motorman, the crowd sur-
rounding in a few more, and
swaying staphangers jurching onto
women's feet, and blockaded pas-
sengers struggling vainly to reach
the exit doors—be thankful we live
in a free open space! — Forest.

A Washington despatch quotes
"best available sources" as saying
that the U. S. government has
ruled out all possibility of any
compromise with Japan over the Far
Eastern situation. "Best available
sources" also spoke of more than
a million miles distant from the
president, himself. The govern-
ment, according to the same
sources, views the situation as ex-
tremely serious and although the
merchant ships in the Pacific will
not be armed "under existing
circumstances", the possibility of
installing guns aboard the vessels is
under consideration. Japan looks
in vain for any sign of weaken-
ing on the part of the great
powers opposed to her ag-
gressive program. And to underline
the joint policy of these powers
comes news from London that
Great Britain is now sending her
battleships into the Pacific. Thanks
to U.S. aid in the Atlantic the
Royal Navy can carry on for the
most part with cruisers and light
craft. The capital ships are mov-
ing into the new danger zone. —
Halifax Chronicle.

Benjamin Mason, Philadelphia
negro on relief, and his wife,
Pearl, won a prize of \$15,000 in the
Irish Sweepstakes. Did they blow
it? First they thought of giving
to Uncle Sam the \$3,000 they had
received in relief. Then they built
a low rent apartment house for
other negroes, a modern one, with
air-conditioning, lawns and a
fountain playground in the base-
ment for children, a gymnasium
and bowling alleys, a reception
room and a chapel. The building
has just been completed and the
tenants are moving in. So runs a
story in The Co-operative Builder.
According to German-Nazi anthro-
pologists the negro is sub-human
and not to be mentioned in the
same breath as a German. We may
be short on science as professed by
the Nazi, but we are thoroughly
convinced that a world of beings
possessed of the spirit of Benja-
min Mason is much to be pre-
ferred to a world of Nazi. What
do you think? — Wester Producer.

Two boys, sitting in an Oslo
restaurant, burst into song. They
sang, "It's a Long Way to Tip-
perary". Upon leaving the res-
taurant they noticed they were
being followed by two German
officers. The boys began running
and the officers fired six shots
after them. The boys kept on
running. A little later two NS-
girls, quizzing, gave the officers
the boys' names. The officers, ac-
companied by policemen, there-
upon arrested one of the boys at
his home. Failing to immedi-
ately find the other, they arrested
his brother. In due time the mis-
sing boy was also arrested, but in
spite of this his brother was not
released. — News of Norway.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A Thought A Day
For A People At War
"Until we settle our quarrel
with Hitler we have no right
and no time to quarrel among
ourselves." — G. H. Lash, Dir-
ector of Public Information.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the
discussion of correspondents of
questions of interest. The
Charlottetown Guardian does not
necessarily endorse the opinions
of correspondents.

FIRST MOTOR CAR

Sir,—In recent issues of various
magazines and newspapers, it was
erroneously claimed that the first
motor car in North America was
invented by Father Belcourt of
Rustico, Prince Edward Island, in
the early Nineteenth century. But
the Encyclopedia Britannica, four-
teenth edition 1929, Volume 15 page
eight hundred and eighty, speci-
fically states that Oliver Evans of
America made the first motor car
in 1787. Various other inventions
took place in England from 1801
to the present day. All histories
indicate that Oliver Evans was
the original inventor of the mo-
tor car.
This refutes the popular claim
that Father Belcourt was the in-
ventor of the motor car in North
America. Although he did a great
deal to aid the development of
this industry in Canada he, most
assuredly, was not the first to re-
place the horse and buggy by the
horseless carriage.

FOURTH YEAR GIRL STUDENTS OF ECONOMICS PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE.

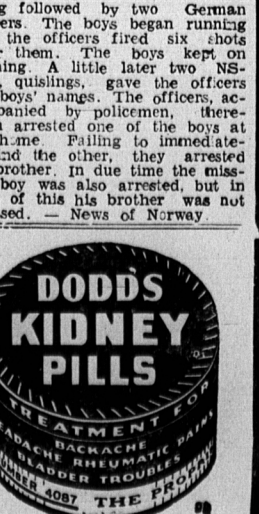
CURFEW LAW INDORSED

Sir,—It was with the greatest
satisfaction that I learned of the
proposal of the Children's Aid So-
ciety concerning the re-establish-
ment of the Curfew-law.
At the present time we seem to
be enveloped so much in thoughts
of war, that we pay little atten-
tion to the situation confronting
our community. After all the old,
time-worn phrase, "The children of
today are the men of tomorrow,"
still rings truly. And the children who
today spend their evenings loafing
in street corners, will tomorrow
have to face the economic prob-
lem of setting the world in some
semblance of order. As immoral
men are not, as a rule, advocates
of morality, and as criminals do
not go about singing the praises of
the law, it is quite evident that if
drastic measures are not taken
miserable failure will result.
We must see to it that our chil-
dren are brought up as decent,
clean-living members of society,
that the immorality so prevalent
today in some quarters may not be
in aid in future years to our doors.
It is a sorry spectacle to see young
girls, twelve and thirteen years of
age, "chasing after" men of our
armed forces, to see little boys of
the same age standing on the
street corners hurling insults at
their elders. This is not an exag-
geration, let he who does not be-
lieve, take a walk some night a-
round "Sunshine". I am sure that
more than the air will do him good
to see the children of our streets
with the cooperation of all our citi-
zens can the much-needed law be
indorsed.

The Poet's Corner

THESE NAMES SPELL ENGLAND

These names spell England; Fro-
bisher and Drake,
Nelson and Hawke and Albermarle
and Blake.
And these where valour stretched
a bastion
Against invasion, Lagos, Quiberon,
St. Vincent, Camperdown and Pra-
sarg.
And other names no less illustrious
are.
What fierce engagements have her
How many an adventurous argonaut
Has left her shores for what un-
charted seas,
With them went England, whiff of
salty quays
And Devon orchards and sweet
English gorse—
High English hearts to hold them
on their course.
Yet common tasks beyond the com-
mon ken,
The unnumbered services of unnamed
men,
These minister no less to England's
might
And keep the scutcheon of her
honor bright.
Still mean her ships, whatever they
may go,
Comfort to friend confusion to the
foe.
—By Edgar Newgass in The Navy
(London.)



SAVING IS SERVICE

Canada's strength is your strength, yours and your fellow
citizens. By saving you can turn your strength into effective
power for war or peace.
Saving is more vital now than ever before.
It's wise to anticipate the needs of tomorrow, rather than
satisfy the impulses of today. You acquire a thrift habit,
bringing a constructive force into your life and in a broader
sense—into Canada as a whole.
Save all you can—it's the urgent thing to do!

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successfully re-established and en-
forced. It has proved most suc-
cessful in other cities. Charlottetown
must not be the exception.
I hope that the day will come
when visitors will remark on the
good behaviour of our children,
and it will come only when the
people of Charlottetown shall have
awakened to their responsibilities.
I am Sir, etc.
F. A. B.

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