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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink.

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Significant Figures

None of all the Provinces in Canada, Prince
Edward Island has seen its unemployment problem
accentuated rather than diminished since the
outbreak of the war. To what is this attributable?
Obviously to the fact that we have no war
industries here. We were the first Province to
go "over the top" in the last Victory Loan
campaign, and we hold the enviable record of having
the largest per capita enlistments in the service
forces. Yet we remain the Cinderella Province
so far as the authorities at Ottawa are concerned.
Analysis of the latest figures on employment
in Canada, those giving the position as of July 1,
show gains in every other province. Since the
start of the war, in September 1939, the employment
expansion, as measured by the Dominion
Bureau of Statistics, has been truly phenomenal,
our sister Province of Nova Scotia registering
the highest gain of 45.8 per cent. The
following table tells the story—the minus sign
in the last column representing our decline, the
plus signs representing the increase in other
provinces.

Table with 5 columns: Province, 1939, 1941, % Change, % Plus/Minus. Rows include Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, and Canada.

A Blot On The Record

The current issue of the Financial Post contains
96 pages, devoted chiefly to telling the
story, pictorially and in type, of Canada's war
activities. At last, after months of planning,
creating new factories, training workers and
searching far and wide for technicians and
managers, Canada is beginning to get results in large-
scale war production. The Post's "Democracy on
the March" supplement records not only our
industrial effort, but that of our service forces as
well.

One blot on the record, says the Post, is war
strikes. "Canada," it says, "is alive today with
crooked racketeers, 95 per cent of them from
across the line, who pose as labor leaders and
are using the strike weapon for the sole purpose
of building up the membership of their
unions. Most of them are C. I. O. They are
cynical, ruthless, and without one ounce of
patriotism in the whole lot. They have not the
slightest concern with the war."

This is a serious charge, which if true reflects
very discreditably on the King Government. The
Government has unprecedented powers under the
Defence of Canada Regulations and it can
amend these regulations by order-in-council to
suit any emergency that arises. If, as the Financial
Post alleges, "a handful of completely
anti-social gangster leaders are behind the
present troubles," then why are these leaders
running loose? Why are they not behind the bars,
in internment camps where they belong? The
Minister of Labor, Hon. Mr. McLarney, has
taken this unseasonable time to go on a two-
weeks' holiday. Why did he not call out the patrol
wagons first?

A British Example

Early in the war an important committee was
set up in the British House of Commons,
consisting of thirty-two members drawn from all
parties, under the chairmanship of Sir John
Wardlaw-Milne. This committee, which was
armed with comprehensive powers to investigate
expenditures incurred in every phase of the war
effort, has sat almost continuously and has
submitted to the House of Commons a steady stream
of illuminating and useful reports. It has held
over 500 hearings, at which more than a thousand
witnesses have given testimony. It employs
no experts, but whenever it gets a scent of any
suspicion of waste it assigns one or more of its
members to follow up the trail and make investigations
on the spot. Its members have
travelled hundreds of miles to inspect munitions
plants, dockyards, clothing factories, film
studios and a variety of governmental establishments.
As a result of its assiduous labors it is no
exaggeration to say the British taxpayers have
been saved millions of pounds. There is no
Ministerial supervision of the work of the committee,
whose members act as independent
members of Parliament, animated by a common
desire to serve the public interest.

By contrast, the Globe and Mail cites the record
of the special committee of the Canadian
House of Commons on war expenditures. The
appointment of this committee was extracted
from a reluctant Government only under the

strong pressure of public opinion, and every
care was taken to ensure that it was manned by
an overwhelming and docile Liberal majority,
under the chairmanship of a faithful partisan,
who has since been made a Minister. The
scope of its investigation has been reduced to
the narrowest possible dimensions, and its sessions
have at intervals been the scene of un-
seemly partisan wrangles. There has been
abundant evidence of a much greater disposition
to seek party advantage out of its proceedings
than to secure some savings for the taxpayers
in the tremendous expenditures now being in-
curred. The committee—which meets in camera—
has evolved some reports, but the recommendations
made in them are inconsequential. Its members,
it is suggested, should find time to study
the work of Sir John Wardlaw-Milne's com-
mittee in the British House, and take a leaf out
of its book.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Everyone feels the better for the fine week-
end and hopes for its continuance till all the grain
has been harvested.

It stands to reason if the cost of living is advancing
at the rate it is claimed the Government
must (a) increase the amount of exemptions on
incomes, and for dependents for Income
Tax purposes; (b) increase the
separation allowances for soldiers' wives and dependents;
and (c) make additional allowances
to pensioners—for all of which the rest of us
must foot the bill.

Marshal Francois Achille Bazaine, French
soldier who rose from the ranks, died this date,
1888. He was held responsible primarily for the
defeat of the French by the Germans in the
Franco-Prussian War. He was commander-in-
chief and his lethargic and indecisive actions con-
tributed largely to his country's defeat. After the
war he was sentenced to 20 years' detention for
capitulating at Metz before necessities demanded,
but escaped to Spain a year later where he
died in 1888.

There is some dissatisfaction over the award-
ing of the contract for the new Airplane service to
the Bourke outfit on the ground, largely that
Mr. Bourke, though an experienced airman lacks
business experience and is being financed, it is
alleged by a New Brunswick syndicate. The
Jones Company on the otherhand backed by
Canadian Airways would have a local organiza-
tion supervising it.

Hitler by any other name would leave the same
impression on mankind. He never was called
Schicklgruber until a B. B. C. broadcaster did
so the other day. His heredity is not in dispute.
He was the son of Alois Hitler, who was the
illegitimate son of one Martha Schicklgruber.
Alois bore his mother's name till 1876, when he
changed it, by a regular and formal process (as
many respected Canadian citizens have for dif-
ferent reasons changed theirs), to Hitler, which
was a variant of his reputed father's surname.
Thirteen years later, in 1889, Alois Hitler had
a son called Adolf—whose surname was naturally
and necessarily Hitler. It is not the case, there-
fore, that Schicklgruber was ever Hitler's name,
much as broadcasters and others might wish it
had been.

Whether medical students in their clinical
years at Canadian universities will be obliged to
take military training in addition to their stud-
ies was discussed at Ottawa at a conference
between university principals—including Dr. H.
J. Cody of Toronto, Dr. R. C. Wallace of
Queen's and Dr. F. Cyril James of McGill—
and Maj-Gen. L. R. LaFleche, Associate De-
puty Minister of National War Services. No an-
nouncement was made. The university principals
said they felt medical students during the
years in question were already sufficiently bur-
dened with work and their time might, in the coun-
try's best interests, be left with their studies
rather than infringing upon for drill purposes.
Other details relative to military training for uni-
versity students were also brought up but no
decision announced, although military training is
being continued compulsorily.

A correspondent writes to The Times, London:
"In Mr. A. R. Wagner's 'Historic Her-
aldry of Britain' I chanced on an illustration of
the arms of John Churchill, first Duke of Marl-
borough, embodying the Winston quartering of a
lion rampant supporting an uprooted tree, and
accompanied by the motto, Fiel Pero Desdichado
(Faithful though unfortunate.) The tree and the
last word of the motto struck a chord of memory
and I turned to Sir Walter Scott's 'Ivanhoe' to
find: 'the device on his (Ivanhoe's) shield was
a young oak tree pulled up by the roots, with
the Spanish word Desdichado. . . . So, con-
sciously or not, Scott selected his hero's device
from the arms of Winston and the motto of
Churchill; and made the bearer of these insignia
celebrate his victory in the lists by quaffing
a bowl of wine, 'To all true English hearts and
to the confusion of foreign tyrants.' Was Sir
Walter also among the prophets?"

Germany has developed a secret substance,
easy to handle, which when added to ordinary
automobile gasoline boosts its octane rating to
that of high-test aviation fuel. Pan American
Airways announces. The stuff looks like ordi-
nary cardboard. You take a little piece of it and
stick it in a tank of automobile gas, and presto,
you have a tank full of airplane gasoline. The
secret was discovered by Pan American-Grace
Airways while it was setting up its lines in
Ecuador paralleling the German-controlled Seda
Airline there. Pan American officials say they
do not know just what the chemical make-up of
the secret substance is. However United States
petroleum research men have worked out several
formulas for compounds to do the same work
that the German one does. Because refining
facilities for the manufacture of aviation fuel in
the United States always have been adequate for
all needs, use of the formulas to date has been
only on an experimental basis.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Some enterprising inventor will
now make a fortune by mixing
mosquito lotion with the sprays
that substitute for silk stockings.—
(Starford Beacon-Herald.

The outlook for brides of the
immediate future does not look too
promising, with washing machines,
vacuum cleaners and electric re-
frigerators becoming scarcer and
scarcer in consequence of the de-
mands of war industry. What with
having to do without silk stockings
and having to make use of the old-
fashioned washboards, brooms
and dusters, some of the grooms
will be taken out of war marriages.—
(Brockville Recorder and Times.

A. R. Mosher, president of the
Canadian Congress of Labor, has
undergone a wholesome change of
heart since his Labor Day message
in which he defended strikes in
wartime as justifiable. Yesterday
at Hamilton, speaking to the dele-
gates to the Congress convention,
he shifted his ground and said the
workers must realize the necessity
of avoiding industrial strife, par-
ticularly in those industries which
are essential to the successful pro-
duction of the war. — Montreal
Star.

There is something to be learned
from what has been going on
in Cleveland, Ohio, during the de-
pression years. It is a kind of social-
ization of medicine there through
the Cleveland Hospital Service As-
sociation. The association was
began as an experiment roughly
500,000 people have prepared them-
selves to meet the chances of a
sudden hospital expense. The
members of the association pay a
small regular premium, as is
done in insurance, and when ser-
vice is required the organization
foots the bill. — Kingston Whig-
Standard

A ship carrying some 9,000 tons
of bulk wheat recently arrived at
a London dock. On coming ashore
the captain asked when he might
expect the discharge to finish. On
being told that the operation would
take about four days, he said,
"Hasn't the Government got some
back for the most efficient per-
formance of their most important
tasks, vigilant, constructive criti-
cism of the Government's admin-
istration and a program and
steady stimulation of it to greater
vigor in meeting the needs of the
hour.

Plastic surgeons, whose services
were in heavy demand during the
last war, are even busier in this
one. In the interval since the last
war such a number of people have
learned the practice which makes them in-
valuable today. For in this war, it
is reported from England, over 80
per cent of the patients requiring
plastic surgery are women. There
are hundreds of women who e-
faces have been burned or other-
wise seriously injured by German
bombs and the surgeons are being
called upon to reconstruct them.
They are able to make a better job of
it than was possible in the last
war. The face surgeons are serv-
ing in various parts of the coun-
try and are employed and paid by
the British ministry of health. — To-
ronto Star.

If the reserve army is not to bog
down in a morass of boredom,
something more vital than squad
drill and lectures must be offered
its members. An encouraging note
came from the Ministry of De-
fence the other day when he an-
nounced that the authorities were
"engaged in study to see if we can
give the reserve army a more de-
finite and useful role in Canada's
defense". Nothing could spark the
militia more effectively than a de-
finite and useful role in the coun-
try's defense. But whatever that
role may be it should be one for
which the units can train realisti-
cally. Defense of landing fields,
for example, can be practiced best
by tactical exercises. And the more
the units are made to train, the
better will be the results. — Ed-
monton Journal.

Who would have supposed, during
the winter of 1939-40, that in eight-
teen months the Finns would again
be fighting Russia and that Britain
would be allied with Russia? While
we can hardly blame Finland for
taking up arms to recapture the
territory taken from her by the
Soviets, it is painful to see her in
alliance with the Nazis, who are
quite as unscrupulous as the Finns
would turn upon her as ruthlessly
as they did upon Russia if it
should suit their purpose. For
years before the war there was a
certain body of opinion in Britain
in favor of a strong Germany to
serve as a buffer against the
dreaded "Reds". People who held
to this doctrine made about the
same mistake as the Finns are
making now. — Goderich Signal-
Star.

Civilians in Great Britain are
now getting along with 24,500,000
fewer pairs of boots and shoes a
year, but a steady increase in the
numbers shipped overseas is re-
ported from Northampton, heart
of the shoe industry. Before the
war Britain bought 105,000,000 pairs
of leather boots and shoes a year
and it is a sufficient indication of
the large resources of the British
shoe industry that, not until July 1, two
years after rationing had been be-
gun in Germany, was it necessary
to restrict the total to 80,500,000
pairs. As there is, in addition, a
vast output of service boots and
shoes and of all kind of footwear
for export purposes, there will be
no margin for waste. Types un-
necessary in necessary in necessary
aged. British Industries Bulle-
tin.

President Roosevelt has decided
to economize some more. Alarmed
at the reported appearance of
matches from his desk — & what
desk holder is not — he is having
match books made up with the in-
scription: "Stolen from Franklin D.
Roosevelt." The idea is that the
match-snatchers will have a guilty
feeling over the theft thus brought
home to them and will thereafter
refrain from the reprehensible habit
of pocketing lights from the pres-
ident's desk. Back of the story is a hint,
by no means veiled, that the gentle-
men of the press are particularly
addicted to the habit of borrowing
—and keeping — the Presidential
matches. They may be Newspaper-
men never have matches, it is a
matter of pride with them. Never-
theless, the New York Herald Tri-
bune takes up the cudgels in their
behalf. "They are bad enough in
all conscience," it admits, "but they
are by no means alone in their sin,
and it is a trifle unkind to single
them out." — Starford Beacon-
Herald.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY
FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR
"For though our road is
stony and hard it is straight,
and we know that we fight in
a great cause."—H. M. Queen
Elizabeth.

Mr. Hanson's Trip

We welcome the news that Mr.
Hanson, the Parliamentary chief
of the Conservative Party and some
of his chief lieutenants have landed
safely in Britain. According to Mr.
Hanson's public statement, the pur-
pose of their mission is to see
first-hand the realities of the situ-
ation in Britain and to gain in-
formation about what help Canada
can most effectively render. We are
also glad to see that Mr. Hanson
has the friendly blessing of Prime
Minister King for his adventure, and
we feel sure that every facility for ac-
complishing his objective will be
provided for him.

It is in our opinion all to the good
that Mr. Hanson and other Conser-
vative leaders should visit Britain,
when she is undergoing the grim-
mest ordeal in her history. They will
be able to convey to the British peo-
ple the assurance that the Govern-
ment of the United Kingdom stands
solidly behind the ruling Govern-
ment.

The Conservative pilgrims will
also hear what Mr. King or other
visiting Ministers were not liable to
hear, namely, such adverse criti-
cisms about the extent or quality of
their war program as are being met
in Britain. They may learn of defici-
encies in it which, if remedied by a
change of policy, would be very
beneficial to Britain, and when they
return and resume their duties in
Parliament at the reopening of the
session they can speak with author-
ity in pressing for the necessary
remedial measures. So we believe
that whatever time Mr. Hanson and
his colleagues spend in Britain will
not be lost, and that they will come
back fortified for the more efficient
performance of their most important
tasks, vigilant, constructive criti-
cism of the Government's admin-
istration and a program and
steady stimulation of it to greater
vigor in meeting the needs of the
hour.

The Poet's Corner

THE MOON
And, like a dying lady lean and
pale,
Who totters forth, wrapp'd in a
gauzy veil,
Out of her chamber, led by the
insane
And feeble wanderings of her fading
brain,
The moon arose up in the murky
east
A white and shapeless mass.
Art thou pale for weariness
Of climbing heaven and gazing on
the earth,
Wandering companionless
Among the stars that have a dif-
ferent birth,
And ever changing, like a joyless
stratagem,
That finds no object worth its con-
sistency?
—Percy Bysshe Shelley

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if nights are inter-
rupted by restlessness
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of correspondents.

SKUNK PELTS VALUABLE

Sir:—In view of the fact that
there is now a bounty on skunks,
and also that the price of prime
skunk pelts is very high, and in
order that no source of revenue
be wasted, the boys would be well
advised to delay trapping until
such a time as they may not only
be able to collect the bounty but
realize on the pelts as well. By
using a little baiting they they
are no more objectionable than
some other animals.

Also it will give the animals a
chance to help clean up the very
large numbers of meadow mice so
abundant in the hay and grain
field at the present time.

When the grain is in shock and
the mice congregated under, they
have a much better chance to ex-
terminate them than before the
grain is cut. Also it is a good plan
to encourage them around the hay
and grain stacks so they will de-
stroy them during the winter, they
after they come in from the fields.
At this season of the year they are
absolutely harmless to man's in-
terests but highly beneficial, not
only to the farmers' rodents but
to the large amounts of grubs and insects as
well. In fact they are the geese that
lay the golden eggs.

I am Sir, etc.

COUNTRY RESIDENT

Effects Of Alcohol

(Frederickton Gleazer)
Many cherished illusions will be
upset by the conclusions of a St.
Johns specialist who, after tests on
780 persons, defines points of differ-
ence between the characters of
drunkards and teetotalers. Drunk-
ards, he finds, are less optimistic
and less happy than those who
shun the bowl; they are more mis-
anthropic and more emotional;
they are more tolerant of breaches of
the moral law; they are more mater-
ialistic, and "more international, ex-
cept with regard to race prejudice."
On the credit side, however, he
finds the fact that they are more ad-
venturous and more impulsive and
affectionate, and that they are
"apparently more liberal, except that
they believe woman's place is in the
home."

If careful research has establish-
ed these judgments it is idle for any
layman to oppose to them his per-
sonal impressions. He may have
thought that it was the non-imbib-
ers who were most optimistic and
optimistic, who had the most diffi-
culty in maintaining cordial social
relations with their fellow men, and
who were most inclined to material-
istic and other rationalizations; but science does not
bear him out. Any drinker who gets
depressed, however, at the statisti-
cal estimate of the collective
character may take comfort in the
professor's observation that drinkers
are fond of poker, boxing matches
and murder trials, whereas a favour-
able estimate of non-drinkers is "at-
tending graduations." How they can
attend these very regularly without
being driven to drink is something
the report does not explain.

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