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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."
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Shipbuilding In Canada

Information emanating from Ottawa states that there is to be no letup in shipbuilding for some time in this country. The facts, however, according to *Canadian Shipping and Marine Engineering News*, belie this information, which many shipyard workers can confirm.

At a major Quebec shipyard, according to this authority, the construction of so many frigates was cancelled last month that the keel of the last one was laid a couple of weeks before Christmas and the whole of the steel work had been pressed and made ready for completing the hull. The management had no other alternative than to lay off as many as 700 workmen, their notice expiring three days before Christmas. These men were paroled from the yard, over the last three years had fitted into the schedule of production through extensive training. It will be no easy matter for the management to get these men back when further shipbuilding activity is resumed there.

Viscount Wavell, Viceroy of India, stated only last month that the finish of the war in Europe will see the commencement of war in the Pacific. Many types of ships will then be needed, and the U. S. is now busy on them.

"It is logical to presume that Canada is going to contribute a share of this tonnage, now that shipyards here are so well organized," says the *News*. "Why, therefore, should it be necessary to disorganize our yards at the present time, as is being done? The yard mentioned is only one of many where extensive layoffs have taken place. This is what makes labor disgruntled, and if dissatisfaction is shown, the blame can only be laid at Ottawa's door."

Parks And Post-War Planning

The provision of facilities for recreation is likely to rank high among Canada's post-war activities, says the National Parks Bureau at Ottawa. Already some public bodies are increasing their appropriation for the development of tourist travel—no doubt in anticipation of victory within the next year or two.

Nature has been especially generous to Canada in providing recreational areas of great extent and variety in widely separated parts of the country. Canada is fortunate, too, in possessing a system of national parks which can be used both for the maintenance of health and morale at home and the attraction of tourists from abroad.

In addition to the 26 areas covering more than 29,700 square miles under federal ownership and administration as national parks, other areas are being considered for park development. More than 10,000 square miles in the Yukon Territory adjacent to the Alaska Highway have been set aside recently for possible extension of the national park system. Two additional sites have been offered by the Province of Quebec and one by New Brunswick, and proposals looking toward the establishment of a sea-level park in British Columbia have been discussed. It is expected that other sites, representative of the most suitable areas for the purpose, will be offered by the provinces. Already a chain of these national parks extends from British Columbia in the West to Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton in the East. It includes some of the finest scenery in the world as well as other features attractive to the vacationist.

Post-war development plans include better arterial and secondary highways leading to the parks, improved highways within the parks, cheaper accommodation available to those of low incomes, secondary roads, foot and horse trails in order to render points of special interest readily accessible, and improved fire and game protection to meet increased dangers from heavier and more widespread use of the national parks.

National Fitness Plan

When the National Physical Fitness Act was passed by Parliament last summer, some people doubtless asked, what new fad? They did not know that Canada was following the example of Britain, the United States, and many countries in Europe, which had recognized the economic loss and the poverty due to the low physical condition of many of their people and their liability to sickness. Those countries all adopted programmes to develop the physical fitness of their young men and women.

Britain had taken action, and the Health Committee of the League of Nations had endorsed the movement, just before the war. The large number of rejections by the armed forces of Canada and the United States because of physical disabilities, have emphasized the necessity for such a campaign. It was recommended last year by the Canadian advisory committee on health insurance.

There will be a national council on physical fitness, with a paid director, and there will be provincial directors. The Dominion provides \$250,000 a year, of which \$225,000 goes to support the activities in the provinces.

The programme includes games, athletics and sports, rhythmic, swimming, aquatics, and life saving, and outdoor activities such as camping and hiking. It is proposed to enlist the support of organized physical fitness agencies, and of individual volunteers. The object of the Act is to promote fitness through extension of physical education in schools and colleges, and in industrial establishments; to train teachers and demonstrators; and to organize sports and athletics on a nation-wide scale.

Physical fitness makes for good health, so that this movement, if it is efficiently organized

and receives the necessary co-operation, has a proper place in the health programme that goes with any system of health insurance.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Thomas Carlyle, philosopher and author, died this date, 1881: "Is not the newspaper an open Forum, open as never Forum was before, where all mortals vent their opinion, state their grievances? . . . A Parliament speaking through reporters to Buncombe and the twenty-seven millions, mostly fools."

Friends of the Navy League here — there are practically no active members — will be interested to learn that Mr. C. N. Taylor, general secretary of the Nova Scotia Mainland Division, has been appointed eastern supervisor of war services for the league. He will control all operations of the league in Eastern Canada. Mr. Taylor formerly was manager of the league's Merchant Seamen's Club at Halifax.

The U.S. Ambassador to Ottawa, Hon. Ray Atherton, will be in the Maritimes in June when he will visit here among other places. He originally was an architect, which profession he abandoned for that of a career diplomat, and has served his country all over the world, including London. Mr. Atherton is an amateur painter of some note and has done a number of Ottawa landscapes. He expects to bring his sketch book with him when he visits the Maritimes.

A first edition of the late Archdeacon Frederick George Scott's book "The War As I Saw It", worn from thousands of miles of travel, and autographed across passages where their names appear by nearly 3,000 persons, was presented to Defence Minister Ralston on Saturday by Mr. W. B. Scott, of Montreal, a son of the Archdeacon. Mr. Scott made the presentation in fulfilment of his father's request that the book be offered to the Dominion archives upon his death.

Farmers here as a rule have been classified as Free Traders owing to the fact that the price of their produce is ruled almost wholly by the parity of world markets. But meantime not many of them object to the premium on bacon hogs to prevent a rise in prices to the consumer. Nevertheless by degrees we reach the position in which every item of food production is subsidized. Now we are told that housing must be subsidized. Next we shall be told that clothing must be subsidized. Already there is to be a bill to subsidize doctors and medicines, and ere long, we will be back to the good old system of taking in one another's washing for a livelihood.

Saint John is after Parliament for an improved airport and is likely to get it, too. Transport Minister J. E. Michaud announced in the House that engineers of his department are making a detailed study of weather conditions prevailing at a proposed airport site on the outskirts of the city. He added that the engineers would not commit themselves one way or another until they had completed this survey but that "we all hope the findings will be satisfactory." Mr. Michaud indicated that the site which is under consideration offers the opportunity for development of a large modern airport of trans-Canada standard, provided weather conditions are suitable. The Transport Minister stated that the present Saint John airport, at Millidgeville, could not be brought up to par for heavy commercial aircraft without removing "mountains," hence the necessity of selecting another site.

Saint John is in the same position as Charlottetown with regard to increased school board expenditure, and has accepted it as a matter of course. The Common Council have approved a 1944 budget of \$2,068,458.25 — an increase of \$71,459.75 over the 1943 figure, which was \$1,996,998.50. The boost in the amount of the budget, it was disclosed, was due largely to the increased requirements of the Board of School Trustees which has been granted \$65,156 more than last year. Twenty thousand dollars of this amount; represents an increase in costs of school repairs and improvements, for which a total of \$47,000 was budgeted. However, the school board has been authorized to spend \$40,000 more for the same purpose and this will be taken care of by deferred assessment or bond issues or both. A grant of \$70,000 for increases in teachers' salaries includes the sum of \$39,000 already being paid to the teachers in the form of cost-of-living bonuses, now abolished, making an actual increase for the purpose of raising the teachers' salaries of \$31,000, an average of about \$84 increase annually per teacher. In actuality, however, the whole of the \$70,000 can be distributed by the school board in any way it sees fit.

They are all doing it, every single province of them, reducing the individual liquor quota, now that the festive season has been passed. From now on only one quart bottle of spirits a month may be bought by purchase card holders in New Brunswick. This reduces by one-half the monthly allowance which has prevailed for some months. A quart is 25 or 26 ounces. The regulations have been changed, however, to make it possible to purchase the full monthly allowance at one time or to buy it in 12-ounce or 13-ounce bottles on different days. The Saint John Telegraph-Journal says: While no official announcement has been made, it is understood that managers of liquor stores in New Brunswick have been authorized to use their discretion as to the time each day they put spirits, or hard liquor, on sale. In other words, the fact that a person is first in the line-up when the store opens is no guarantee he will get a bottle of spirits even if there are spirits in the store to sell. The manager, for instance, may decide to withhold sale of the hard liquor until an hour later, or in the afternoon, or at any time he thinks advisable. It is possible that this procedure was adopted as a means of trying to prevent sale of spirits to bootleggers or their runners — most liquor store clerks can recognize these persons pretty quickly — and in an attempt to have some spirits on hand when the "honest citizen" drops in the hope of getting a bottle.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

Notes By The Way

Reports have it that Hitler is in the dumps — which could be most any place in Berlin. — Kitchener Record.

It wasn't a real revolution in Argentina. The rich families just keep control by using troops instead of a fake election. — Calgary Herald.

True or not true, the rumour of Mussolini's suicide still reminds us of Shakespeare's comment: "The evil that men do lives after them." — Vancouver Province.

The first day Prime Minister Churchill was back in London he had luncheon with the King for a man who is sometimes said to be a dictator Mr. Churchill always shows a scrupulous respect for the power of throne and parliament. — Ottawa Journal.

What tales the boys will be able to tell when they return from the battlefronts! What knowledge they will have accumulated. It is a costly, risky way in which to gain education, but those youths who do survive the life-and-death struggle will come home with memories and facts beyond the range of any textbook. — North Bay Nugget.

It might be a good idea in future elections to give buttons away to the voters. The candidate who said button one, the other who said button two, and so on, would wear the button, caught, kicking, would be given the Grandview Exponent treatment by the first gentleman who happened along wearing number twelve. — Winnipeg Tribune.

Everyone who traffics in gasoline is trafficking in the lives of the other men in the fighting fronts. It is a costly, risky way in which to gain education, but those youths who do survive the life-and-death struggle will come home with memories and facts beyond the range of any textbook. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

Take one young Canadian, slightly green, from bed in an early hour; soak in shower or tub daily. Dress in olive drab, mix with others of his kind. Grate on exasperated nerves, and manoeuvres. Add liberal portions of baked beans and roast beef and snow. Sweeten with chocolate bars. Let smoke often. Sprinkle generously with War Savings and Victory Bonds. Make in 90-degree temperature in summer and let cool below zero in winter. Serves 11,500,000 people. — Municipal World.

Talking the other day to a gallant A.F. officer, the writer mentioned that in London there is a country inn one room of which includes the altar of a demolished church. The London correspondent of the Ottawa Journal, whereupon the R. A. F. officer mentioned an interesting incident. This consists of an improved chapel, used by all denominations and also for Bible classes and for H. assessments. It was built by a Wellington bomber wing. It consists of two tents erected with the front of an ancient Arab arch the west front, with a wooden cross surmounting it. One unit built an altar and another unit built a pulpit. The pulpit was taken from wrecked enemy planes. As altar vases stand two 25-ounce shell cases, and the chalice stands on a fragment of a seat. Considerable voluntary labor was involved in completing this remarkable desert chapel, including digging down the ground, sand, and covering it with canvas, to increase the height of the tent roofs. It stand as a not unimpressive tribute to the piety of our air warriors.

The U.S. Army said recently that it was playing a major role in reducing the beach-head confusion which attends any invasion of the continent. Fred A. McMahon, commanding the Philadelphia ordnance district, said that in past operations boxes and containers of various sizes, many of varying types will have a particular identifying color to facilitate their handling in the confusion of battle. — Montreal Star.

Opponents in one of the strangest "battles" of the war will soon be locked in combat in the trackless wastes of Saudi Arabia, says the Kansas City Star. They are a force of British soldiers, unarmed save for tons of bran mixed with an arsenic compound — and the swarms of locusts which breed in that country and cause insupportable damage to vital United Nations food supplies. The fact that Saudi Arabia is a neutral country — as well as the holy land of the Moslems — has had its influence on both the personnel and equipment of the expedition. The 1,000 men and officers comprising the force will, besides being unarmed, wear no badges of rank. All will wear the Arab head-dress of "kafiyas" and "galas," squares of cloth worn on the head like a kerchief and fastened with a headband. It is also probable that the men will be permitted to grow beards, owing as much to the custom of the country as to the shortage of water for shaving. Out of respect to the Moslem holy land, all the non-European troops accompanying the expedition will be Mohammedans, and the British troops will not be accompanied by a padre. Neither will any alcohol be carried, for its use is forbidden by the Koran.

ON PABLE FRANCAIS
The French language is spoken by more than 40,000,000 people.

Jacky Frost

(London Times)
The fact lately announced that it was frosty in the straits must have brought comfort to many by reassuring them as to three possible deceptive sensations of which they were conscious, a numbness of the fingers, a pinkness of the nose, and a highness of the spirits. There are certain kinds of cold, as that of the east wind, which drive those spirits down to the depths, but there is a cold which scores even against the owner's better judgment. It is not on this account that it is so popular in spite of the fact that it interferes or used to interfere, when there were such things with many pleasures. The hunting man, the Rugby football player, the golfer — here are three and yet even they for a day or two admit that it has a tonic property which might induce a couple of elderly gentlemen, in a lonely field, to take off their coats and play at leapfrog. It is in the once familiar words of the advertisement of a famous watering place, "so bracing." The most serious-minded cannot resist the temptation to go to work to crunch the brittle ice on what only last night was a puddle. And by the way, the ice is not so much a nuisance as it is a charm. It is a quietness almost equally alluring. Those who are old enough to have been brought up on a certain American picture-book always remember Jacky Frost, a gallant boy in figure standing up in his sledge to drive his team of wolves, and still better two of the lines accompanying it:

"Jacky Frost, Jacky Frost, creep round the house
Sly as a silver fox, still as a mouse."
There is summed up all the joy of hiding games in the garden without their terror, the absolute and ecstasy of stealthiness. Nobody can see him peering through the ladder to paint his patterns on the window. You only knew he had been there when you saw the snow.

It must be admitted that Jacky is not perfect, for even in that engaging aliveness of his there is an almost malign quality. This country at least he exhibits a liking for a sell, for raising hopes only to dash them. He is an old and trusted joke that the fixing of the date for the skating championship is the signal for the start of the winter. He is not a champion even to take out their skates and look tenderly at the collection and the coating of grease provides a temptation that Jacky cannot always resist. The curling stone, the shov rinks may steal a parcel on him, but on those who depend on deeper ponds he regularly plays his unkind pranks. Perhaps he means no harm and only suffers, as other small boys do, from an uncontrollable roguishness. But it is less undeniable that he has one characteristic of the juvenile delinquent, he is apt to fall into bad company. He has two thoroughly undesirable friends or hangers-on. One is the winter who with his possesses not one of his amiable qualities; the other, snow, can make himself as pleasant as a lumbering white, but is a sly and cunning character. These are blots on his character, but even so he is so jolly and cheerful and disarming that most people are glad to see him again.

Having been asked by the Plumbers Association to contest the coming election as Water Commissioner, after due consideration I have consented. My reason is, that I feel the public should have a Master Plumber on this Board as a health measure, especially in the interests of property owners.

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