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

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**An Apt Reply**

Denounced by Munitions Minister Howe for criticising activities in his department, the Financial Post replies with a page of editorial comment from other newspapers across Canada. It leads off with the following rebuke from Canada's leading Liberal paper, the Winnipeg Free Press:

"It is both wrong and harmful for Mr. Howe to describe just criticism as 'sabotage', and his attack upon the Financial Post is, it will seem to many people, a most serious error. If the Financial Post has committed sabotage, the Free Press is likewise guilty, for, like the Post, this newspaper has done its best not to conceal unpalatable facts or to disguise shortcomings when these have appeared.

"We would go farther than this. We would suggest that a less worried, a less overworked man than Mr. Howe would have paid closer attention to some of these criticisms when they had first appeared; and by so doing he would have nipped in the bud some of the difficulties that now impair the progress of parts of our vast programme. Mr. Howe, as has been often said before, has too much to do, and the situation at Ottawa cries aloud for some reform in administrative methods that would yield large and immediate dividends in results.

"Apparently, however, it is difficult to make such suggestions without Mr. Howe or the Government leaping to the conclusion that sinister influences are at work to destroy them. Such influences may exist, but by far the major part of the criticism offered in the press and elsewhere is based upon an earnest desire not to hinder or to destroy but to help.

"Nor should it be forgotten that, sadly enough, Mr. Howe has brought down upon his own head much of the criticism that has been made, by issuing a series of optimistic predictions as to the progress of production that have not been justified by actual turn-out."

Editorially, the Post makes the following comment:

"On the whole, Mr. Howe, by defining and dramatizing the main issue of the right of a free press to speak for the people in criticism of inefficiency in their Government's war programme, has unwittingly done the cause of Democracy a notable service. Not only has the whole aircraft production programme of Canada been bared for critical inspection, with the result that long overdue remedies many possibly now be applied, but the larger issue of constructive criticism versus complacency has also been subjected to the test of public opinion. The response of the newspapers of Canada shows that Mr. Howe's point of view—that the press of Canada has no right to publish anything but the officially inspired praise of the Government's propaganda machinery—has been utterly rejected."

**War Orders**

In a listing of the Canadian and British programme of capital assistance to industry, filed in the House of Commons by Minister Howe, the following apply to our neighbours in Nova Scotia, who seem to have some live-wire representatives at Ottawa:

Dominion Steel & Coal Corp., Ltd., New Glasgow, N.S., 4 in. H.A. single mountings; 4 in. twin mountings (naval)—\$3,500,000.  
Eastern Car Company, Ltd.: 4 in. twin and 4 in. single gun mountings—\$3,500,000.  
Maritime Steel and Foundries, Ltd., New Glasgow, N.S.: 6 in. How. Shell M.K.-IDL, Machinery—\$24,203.  
Trenton Steel Works, Trenton, N.S.: 4.7 H.E. Shells—\$75,000.  
Trenton Steel Works Ltd., Trenton, N.S.: 6 in. How. Shell M.K. IDL, forging; 4 in. Shell F.A.H.E. 35 lb. Mk. IB (N), Machinery; 4 in. Shell F.A.H.E. 35 lb. Mk. IB (N3, Forging)—\$673,272.  
Trenton Steel Works, New Glasgow, N.S.: 3.7 A.A. Jackets, Breech Rings and Breech Blocks—\$539,735.  
All the above are United Kingdom commitments except the last one which is 50% Canada and 50% United Kingdom.  
The first two for \$3,500,000 may be a duplication, but there is nothing in Hansard to indicate they are not different commitments. Altogether they indicate that nearly eight million dollars in capital assistance has been furnished the plants at Trenton and New Glasgow for war purposes.

**Dr. Johnson's Prophecy**

An exchange recalls that Dr. Samuel Johnson, greatest English writer of his time (1709-1784) was also a sagacious commentator. Tennyson's verse about the argosies of the air "lightning down with costly bales" at some distant period has often been cited as a prevision of aviation, but Johnson in the middle of the 18th century foresaw and deplored the military consequences of aircraft. In Rasselas, Prince of Abyssinia, which he was reputed to have written in the evenings of one week in 1759, he has left on record the following passage:

"If men were all virtuous, I should with great alacrity teach them to fly. But what would be the security of the good, if the bad could at pleasure invade them from the sky? Against an army sailing through the clouds, neither walls nor mountains nor seas could afford any security. A flight of northern savages might hover in the air and alight at once with irresistible violence upon

the capital." Nearly two centuries after Johnson penned these lines, a flight of northern savages has indeed flown over "the capital," not once but many times, imposing violence upon it. In fact, in the war of 1914-18 a German bomb was dropped in the street that runs alongside Staple Inn, where Rasselas was written. But if the "security of the good" has vanished according to his prophecy, the "savages" are paying an increasingly heavy price and eventually will be overcome by the weapon with which they had hoped to conquer.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Remember those at the Charlottetown Air Port are designated R.A.F., not R.C.A.F.

The cold has been strengthening with the lengthening days all right.

Lent is a bit of a nuisance to those who like excitement and diversion in all the 52 weeks of the year.

The hospitals, unfortunately, are doing good business at this time, with great demand for accommodation. What they most need is the wherewithal to carry on the business offering.

Have we the housing facilities necessary for our present and prospective population? An authority says we have not, and that a building programme should be formulated forthwith.

A curious accident to a swallow near Fort Portal is reported by the game warden of Uganda, Africa. The swallow was caught in the tough yellow web of the large black and yellow spider—4 to 5 inches across the legs—which is a familiar forest species. The web had been constructed at one end of a veranda and the capture of so large a victim as a swallow must have been unintentional. The bird was hopelessly entangled, but the spider made no attempt to attack it. The bird eventually had to be released.

Rev. George H. Donald, D.D., pastor of the church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, was named to the presidency of the World Alliance of Reformed churches holding the Presbyterian system, last week in Baltimore. In this position, Dr. Donald succeeds the late Rev. Dr. Laird, and principal Sir William Curtis of Edinburgh University. He was invested with the badge of office at a special ceremony before the members of the executive committee of the body.

Another province to drink itself out of debt is New Brunswick. Mr. R. G. Fulton, formerly of this city, now N. B. Liquor Control Board Commissioner reports that "sales have surpassed all previous years in the existence of the Board"—a net increase of \$1,494,579.84 in sales for the year ended October 31. The total sales for 1940 were \$5,209,335.32 compared with \$3,714,755.48 in the previous year. Mr. Fulton pointed out the illegal manufacture and sale of liquor in New Brunswick "has practically ceased." He paid a tribute to the enforcement work of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Two famous contributors to Punch celebrated their birthday this date, F. Anstey (pseudonym of Thomas Anstey Guthrie), humorist, born 1856; and Leonard Raven-Hill, artist and cartoonist, born 1867. The former wrote "Vice Versa" and "The Brass Bottle" (both dramatized), and the play "The Man From Blamkey", which had the longest run of its day. The latter had a successful career as an artist, exhibiting at Paris Salon and the Royal Academy before settling down as a cartoonist, his regular contributions to Punch being of outstanding merit, and the originals greatly sought after by connoisseurs.

Military opinion is being roused over the present position of recruiting in Canada. "The compulsory training scheme in Canada is futile and wasteful and can produce no increase in our armed strength," Lt.-Col. C. E. Reynolds, President of the Canadian Corps Association said at a Service Club in Toronto. "The Association will use its utmost endeavor to secure support of all veterans to have the present compulsory training plan abolished, so that the money and effort now being dissipated may be directed toward increasing Canada's strength in the theatre of war." He charged that information issued from the Director of Public Information at Ottawa since the start of the war had been "misguided" and "designed to lull the public into belief all is well." "Only now when an appeal is being made for War Savings Certificate purchase are we being told the situation is critical," he added.

The total arrivals of fresh and frozen fishery products at the Chicago wholesale market showed an increase of 23 per cent in 1940 as compared with the previous year and amounted to 59,432,557 pounds, or the equivalent of approximately 2,950 freight carloads. In reporting this to the Department of Trade and Commerce, Mr. M. B. Palmer, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Chicago states that of this quantity Canada supplied 11,564,286 pounds, or about one-fifth and was the only foreign source of supply. The remainder came from 34 states and Alaska. During the year fresh-water varieties continued to predominate, increasing 18 per cent and amounting to 31,744,777 pounds. Salt-water species increased 30 per cent to 16,200,298 pounds and shellfish, etc., gained 27 per cent, totalling 11,487,482 pounds.

In this time of fasting and rationing, the spacious days of Mrs. Beeton's Cook Book seem to belong to a remote era. But Mrs. Isabella Mary Mayson Beeton's son is still alive and active. He is Sir Mayson Beeton, aged 76, who lives at Walton-on-Thames. Sir Mayson never knew his mother. She died at the age of 28 at his birth. For more than three-quarters of a century the "Book of Household Management" has been published by Messrs. Ward Lock. Mrs. Beeton's great work took four years to complete. Most of the recipes were given by friends. "Baroness Pudding", for example, was the invention of Baroness Tessie of Epsom, where Mrs. Beeton spent her youth. All recipes were tested in the kitchen of the Beeton home at Pinner. Even Mrs. Beeton's kitchen, according to family traditions, knew its failures as well as successes.

**NOTES BY THE WAY**

Birmingham is making an experiment in the production of midday communal meals for factory workers and others who are unable to prepare cooked meals. Two centres are being opened, and if successful the experiment will be extended. One depot is in an old and congested central district where fire meals have hitherto been served. The other centre will serve a new housing estate with an industrial population. Dinners are to be supplied on a cash and carry basis. Customers being asked to bring their own dishes, jugs and basins. A two-course meal will cost 8d. and soup and other extras will be available at low prices. — Manchester Guardian.

If there is one thing more than another believed completely by the average American (and, of greater significance, Canada), to expand (and, perhaps also) it is that the United States navy could decisively and quickly defeat the Japanese fleet and win a war against Nippon. The U. S. army has frequently been under criticism for lack of size and preparation, but not so the navy. It is kept at all times in perfect condition, ready for either defensive or offensive action. Its base now and for some time past is Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, a strategic point from which to operate anywhere in the Pacific area. — Toronto Star.

For centuries to come Londoners will lead a life of luxury. The Strand in the city. "Here on the right was the Temple. Here was St. Bride's, whose spire was called 'a needle in the eye' because of the medieval Guildhall, here on the left was the house of Samuel Johnson. Over there was St. Paul's." Not too sure of their history, the visitors will be asked to look at the things destroyed? Was it Attila, the Vandals, the Great Fire, the Conqueror, or perhaps Bonaparte who was responsible? No, a worse scourge than any of these—the zero of the atomic bomb—will be the answer. — New York Sun.

There will be general approval of the action of the city council in deciding to present to the new committee of the city, the name of the "Lethbridge" a suitable gift from the corporation. As a matter of fact, the "Lethbridge" ought to be named after the people of Lethbridge. Though far inland, Lethbridge has a real ship of its Majesty's Canadian navy named after our city. It will give us an added incentive to the city's defence. — Lethbridge Herald.

At the city hall they tell of a monkey which fell out one day from a milk can and landed in a full of a chunk of milk chocolate which had been thrown away and missed the wastepaper basket. Paying attention to the crying eyes, it kept on until it had satisfied its needs. Then it sneaked back into its hole, only to reappear a moment later with other members of the family who were introduced to the prize, but only after the discoverer had had his share first. With mice swarming about the hole, the monkey's chance has a cat got?—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Debate is seething in the east on the role of canapés as a substitute for the appetite. The anti-canapé camp claims that canapés are not only born fish eggs, and olives pulled with a toothpick and swathed in bacon, not only are an insult to a gourmet, but they are a waste of money. But that they reduce to zero the poise of dinner guests who must balance such twaddly edibles while handling a glass and a tiny napkin. Canapés are created to fill a need. Years ago, when transportation was slow, dinner guests had to do something while awaiting those who were late. The custom of nibbling finally was formalized into the canapé ritual, which has grown into an institution in its own right. — Minneapolis Star-Journal.

It has been noted that Hitler did not go fishing in the East until he had tried his luck in the West. Why near Madrid, apparently, did he encounter such enthusiasm for the "new order" which is being evinced in Budapest and Bucharest. General Franco seems incalculably reluctant to give his war-torn land to be ravaged afresh, in the interests of Axis designs on Gibraltar, and Marshal Petain has been equally reluctant to let the Nazi failure either to entice Russia into the Axis camp or to overwhelm Great Britain. For a would-be lawyer of Europe, Hitler is, in fact, encountering far more resistance than he would have considered possible three or four months ago. His satellites may revolve dutifully about the Vienna axis, and Berlin; he may devise the most "meretricious" political structure for the confounding of Britain; but the basis for success for all his plans in Europe, victory over the Jews, the Jews and resourceless opponent, and the victory has still to be won. Hitler must continue to prepare for peace, and the "new order" will have to wait; the fate of the world will be decided, not at Vienna parties, but in battles in the air, where Britain is strong; on the seas, where she is supreme; and on the land, where her power is growing. — Sydney Herald (N.S.W.).

There is every reason to believe that the Moslem world has definitely sided with Britain, at least morally. Moslem influence in North Africa, around the eastern Mediterranean, in the Middle East, India, is considerable and is bound to have far-reaching effect on the whole development of the war. Persons familiar with conditions in North Africa have remarked that in all conceptions of "Africa," that is to be one of the fruits of Axis "collaboration," one of the factors which has not been given sufficient consideration—namely the Moslems. In Morocco, in Algeria, in Tunisia, in Egypt, in Syria, they cannot be ignored. The North African Moslems racial and religious sympathies with the peoples inhabiting the Arabian peninsula of Asia are common knowledge. Turkey also comes into the picture. Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia have manifested their loyalty to France throughout the war. Egypt has thrown in her lot with Britain, as have also various Arab peoples on the eastern side of the Suez Canal. There remains Italian North Africa—Libya. The matter of history that the conquest of Libya was marked by cruel repression of the Moslem tribes, which were gradually driven south toward the reaches of the Sahara Desert, where

**PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION**

Sir.—Labor organized and organized are taking a very active part to win the war. In this province there is no exploitation of labor in these critical times. If there ever was a time when labor and their employers should work together is now. No men have a greater interest than those who, in peace and war, serve their country under the banner of labor, organized or otherwise. Today labor knows that if its principles are in danger the defence and triumph of those principles are more than ever entrusted to labor's strength and power. Today labor is willing and asked to surrender some of its cherished rights. It should only be asked to surrender these rights on the solemn assurance that adequate legislation will be made for their protection. During the war crisis labor has extended its hours, and surrendered its holidays, in its determination to increase production. It therefore becomes the duty of Government and the entire community to remember them in their hour of need. Labor today thinks of its duty as it does of rights. If labor knows the issue and is prepared to make sacrifices, why should they not be protected while working? Labor does not resent, however, its being made a party to the discussion of understanding and imagination by those in authority or in industry. Labor now asks what it has offered in return for the protection of its rights. In other words, a place of protection and equality. With labor there is now a willingness to forego luxuries in order to do its duty and work hard which only a sober recognition of duty could inspire. Labor stands for the winning of the war, the attainment of national unity, the provision of economic security, and the protection of their workers while labor duty. The Workmen's Compensation committee would be pleased to have more publicity on this subject. I am, Sir, etc., Chairman Com.

**REGULATED MARKETING**

Sir.—The farmers of P. E. Island are well informed as to the necessity to reply to all the questions raised by Mr. Sanford Phillips in his letter published in the Guardian. It is to protect ourselves as farmers from the methods used by Mr. Phillips and others of the Liberal Party to bring about that we need regulated marketing. We have used the Banner Livestock Shipping Club as a means of selling hogs in this country since 1927. No drover entered the field at all until January 27, 1941. Mr. Sanford Phillips, no doubt out of a sense of duty, whereas the Club hogs from Alma brought \$10-20 per hundred. Now it is not so much difference when loaded the hogs. The thing that counts is which method can the farmers get the most money for their hogs. I am sure Mr. Phillips will agree in this case as he would have made, if the Banner Club was not operating, in any way affected. Five cents a hundred on all the hogs shipped from P. E. Island in one year would run into a sizable sum. If Mr. Phillips were manager of a selling agency for P. E. Island, and through his action such as in this case, the farmers lost 5c per hundred, it is not his loss, even if he were allowed nothing in the way of salary. In all this confusion and turmoil, the man that is feeding hogs today is

**The Poets' Corner**

**THE CLIFFS OF ENGLAND**

They guard the cliffs of England With dark and silent swords: The Saxon kings the Druids. The high-nosed Norman lords. The men who once were England, Who long are in their graves— They watch tonight, all startle Above the starlit waves.

There see mighty Arthur Among his noble men: Alfred and Cour-de-Lion. Come back to fight again. Above the charging waters. The changing clouds reveal St. George, returned to England Startle in his steel.

—ELIZABETH BOHM.

however, retained their organization and remained a menace. It is now being recalled in some European capitals that the second German Reich did not belittle Moslem influence and that Wilhelm II was at pains to cultivate Moslem amity. It is also being recalled that Benito Mussolini, a few years before the war, went to Libya and there proclaimed the "Protector of Islam." — London, Ont., Free Press.

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the only one that deserves any consideration. The man that buys for resale to make profit for himself cannot be considered in the scheme of things today, and the farmer who persists in selling his produce in this way, is allowing others to profit from his labor and in doing this, I believe, he is morally wrong in not using the means at his disposal to get for himself and those depending on him the full value of his labor.

Such an individual not only sets a low standard for himself, but his action has the effect of lowering the standard for others who are following the same occupation, regardless of anything that they might do to correct the situation. Hence the need of regulated marketing.

Regarding the question, why did P. E. Island break away from the Maritime organization, I might say that it was the result of a grievance which was more imaginary than real, and ended in a quarrel that later developed into a move where P. E. Island was to sever its relationship with the other two provinces, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The leading figure in this fight was Mr. Ernest Euston, New Glasgow, P. E. Island, and I do not think I am mistaken when I say that it is the same Mr. Euston that is leading the fight now against regulated marketing.

I had the privilege of being the president of the marketing organization at that time and I know whereof I speak. I know Mr. Euston personally and for him as a man I have a great deal of respect, but I could not share his views at the time of the breaking with the Maritime organization, nor can I share in his views now against regulated marketing. For in both cases I feel he has made a mistake.

I am, Sir, etc., W. B. McLELLAN, Alma, P.E.I.

**Events in China**

(Hamilton Spectator)

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek assures the world that Chinese unity which would seem to be undergoing considerable strain through the action of certain communist army groups, remains firm. "There is no chance of any break in our united front against Japanese aggression," he says. The communist leader himself, Chou An-lai, has promised that there will be no further friction between the Chanking government and the forces he represents. But renewed efforts to heal the breach, especially the appeal of the Hunan Provincial People's Army and troops of the Central Government in the Third War Area. As a result, about four thousand soldiers have been ordered to the command of the said army and its headquarters staff have been placed under arrest. It is contended that too much has been made of the incident, which has, in fact, "had a tonic effect upon Chinese solidarity which augurs well for the future and which certainly gave very little reason for rejoicing on the part of the enemy."

As an indication of the essential soundness of China's economic position, in spite of the Japanese invasion and the devastation caused by land and aerial warfare, the figures just published by the Far Eastern section of the Division of Regional Information of the United States Department of Commerce are encouraging. Though there is admittedly some difficulty in presenting a true picture of the actual size

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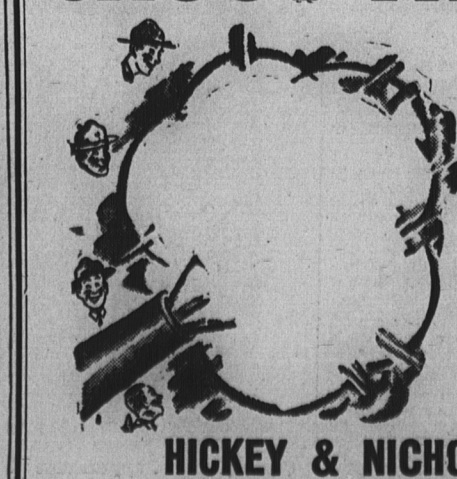
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