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

Ontario Farm Report

The recommendations of an Agricultural Commission of Inquiry have been tabled in the Ontario Legislature and should prove of value and interest to every Province where farming is a basic industry.

The idea of such a commission, non-partisan, its members selected by the farmers, to study the various sides of the farming industry, originated with Premier Drew, and was strongly supported by Agriculture Minister Kennedy.

The findings, following hearings in all parts of the Province, are intended to furnish the basis for legislation. While dealing with the problems of each branch of the industry, they recognize the welfare of it as a whole.

These refer to rural education, improved provision for farm credit, soil conservation assistance and research, increased aid for the livestock industry, appointment of a Deputy Minister of Agriculture for New Ontario who will reside and work among the settlers in that region.

Not A Good Example

It has been suggested that the coming session of the Federal Parliament will be an acrimonious one, notwithstanding appeals that attention should be strictly confined to the country's business and not to personalities.

Hog Production Declines

Numbers of hogs on farms in Canada at December 1, 1944, showed a decline from the record high figure a year ago, according to the December survey dealing with the number of hogs on farms, the 1944 fall pig crop, and numbers of sows to farrow in the spring of 1945.

Checking The Looters

The announcement from Ottawa, reported in the current Bank of Montreal business summary, that the Canadian government has taken measures to prevent the sale, through neutral countries, of gold taken by the Axis powers from occupied countries, is evidence of a general United Nations' policy to prevent Fascists and Nazis from cashing in on their loot.

known for some time. The United States treasury about a year ago let it be known that substantial transfers of assets had already been made chiefly from Germany to Argentine, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

At Bretton Woods a special committee was appointed to study this matter. It recommended that the United Nations jointly demand of neutral governments and banks that they take steps to impound assets stolen by the Axis and transferred to them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Honours fall fast and deservedly upon our boys and girls at the front these days. But there are still the "Unknown Soldiers", who do the spade work, to be canonized when all is over.

David Livingstone, missionary and African explorer, born this date 1813; during three long journeys across Africa, he opened up vast tracts to missionary enterprise and colonization, made many discoveries, and was the first European to traverse the whole length of Lake Tanganyika.

The energetic Mayor of New York is personally supervising the operation of the new curfew law there. Jail sentences have been imposed for the first time since the amusement curfew went into effect, on eight women and four men for patrolling after-midnight speakings.

Nazis to be "weedless" soon. The German Food Industry has prohibited cultivation of tobacco in the Reich, decreeing that all land in Baden, the chief tobacco raising province, be devoted to growing potatoes.

It is hardly believable, but the Government does not practise double entry in their book-keeping where every debit must have a credit and vice versa. Instead they follow the antiquated and inaccurate single entry, where they can insert a credit or debit just as it suits them to balance their ledgers.

It is proposed now to settle the Japanese issue in British Columbia by excluding them entirely from that province and give those already having Canadian citizenship the right to settle east of the Rockies or be evacuated to Japan.

Is it the intention of the Government to attempt the settlement of the liquor problem by assuming Government Control in name as well as in fact? That is the system now operating, though mis-named Prohibition.

When an R. C. A. F. station is closed all public funds of whatever category, which are surplus to requirements, are first offered to the other services and then the remainder listed with the Crown Assets Allocation Committee, which decides how and when it should be disposed of in the best interests of Canada and Canadian business.

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Notes By The Way

The neighbour who keeps her ear to the ground gets it full of dirt.—Chatham News.

Four thousand Torontonians lost their shirts in a laundry fire. When it happens at race-track it isn't news.—Ottawa Citizen.

We all know that disinfectant would be fatal to Canada but the cure for disinfectant is to get rid of what ever is causing it.—London Free Press.

You can't prevent temptation knocking at your door but you don't have to invite it inside.—Galt Reporter.

You cannot teach a child to take care of himself unless you let him try to take care of himself. He will make mistakes and out of them—W. W. Beecher.

Some of the Yalta delegates say they suspect there was red pepper in the vodka. That's right, fellows: they put red pepper in vodka engaged diplomats handle the stuff neat.—Ottawa Citizen.

Several times during the course of an interview Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery insisted on his being an essential of battle plans. From that time on, the Germans know that this translates into mopping them up.—New York Sun.

In a casual discussion of longevity a day or two ago, someone mentioned that the father of the present Earl of Strathmore, the head of his company at the Battle of Victoria, which took place in 1812, relates the following anecdote. It seemed hardly credible. Investigation shows it to be true. Lord Strathmore himself is 82. The late earl was born in 1794.

Britain has cut down 100,000,000 trees for war purposes since the war began. She was lucky to have them at a time when shipping was needed for other things. Also, reforestation is being carried out after the war employment and the value of trees having been proved it may provide for something more than paper.—Fort Arthur News-Chronicle.

The cost of employing women is greater than that of men for equal work. This is the conclusion reached by the Corporation of Edinburgh, Scotland, capital, which employs 4,000 women. The reason is that women have to be employed on a job than men.—London Daily Mail.

Things will have to be different after the war. We cannot continue the policy of "letting John Bull do it." We are an independent, self-governing nation, and the war has shown us that we are capable of when the emergency arose. But with independence manfully bear only, and we should be able to handle our own affairs.

Britain somehow manages to hobble along with only 1,187 public relations men (press agents) on the Government payroll. The British Treasury has only one. The other 4,000 are employed on the O.W.I. alone and every department has its own. The 150 "alphabeticals" has from one to a dozen or so tooting its own horn.

What are the physical dimensions of a hero? In the movies they are usually depicted as broad of stature, handsome of countenance, over six feet tall, and with the air around him of a football star. But it isn't always that way in real life.

Two Hereford bulls sold at \$50,000 each in an auction in Denver, and stockmen, pretty excited. That may be a record so far as Herefords go, but the dairy breed brought high prices. During our previous war-inflationary period, a two-month-old Hereford bull sold for \$50,000 at the national livestock sale at the University of Minnesota. The yearling Hereford bull sold for \$100,000 at the national livestock sale at the University of Minnesota.

It's sap time again, and on the farms they are getting ready for the annual harvest which may not be up to the average because as some explain, there's little frost in the ground, says the Kitchener Record. The buckets are washed; the old, weather-worn sugar hoes in the maple grove is set in order. The grove of gnarled sugar maple trees is a veteran of many years of intense activity.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

JUSTICE ARSENAULT REPLIES

Sir,—I note from your report of the proceedings in the Legislature that I was unwittingly the subject of a passage at arms between the Leader of the Opposition and the Honourable, the Premier.

I am not in the habit of writing letters to the press, but this discussion has placed me in such a position that I consider it well to make some correction.

Some years ago a society was incorporated in the Province for the purpose of forwarding the education of Acadian boys and girls, and the society has since devoted itself to this purpose. Over a month ago the officers of the society met, and in view of the fact that a Provincial Committee on Reconstruction was being named, passed a resolution of forwarding the education of Acadian boys and girls, and the society has since devoted itself to this purpose.

It is an admitted fact that in the war of 1914-1918, as well as in the present great war, Acadian boys have been enlisted in as great, if not greater numbers, pro-rata, than those of any other nationality. Many of them have since made the supreme sacrifice, and one of them at least, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

This resolution was forwarded to the Premier, and to Hon. Marin Gallant as well. I also understand that the officers of the society specially recommended that I should be named on the names of the committee appeared in the press the officers of the Society found that only one Acadian name appeared on the Central Committee, and that young man, although excellent in every way, is Acadian in name only and has never taken any interest in the welfare of the Acadian people. I am informed cannot even speak French.

On behalf of the society, I interviewed the Premier and reminded him of what had occurred. As I informed the Premier, I am not personally a military promoter. Perhaps in the past I have had the prominence that one can desire, or that I deserve, but if I was to represent the Acadian element, I should be in on the Central Committee and not on an obscure sub-committee.

The officers of the society considered that, as I have had my only two boys in active service since the first declaration of war by Canada, as well as two of my daughters overseas, and three others engaged in war work, I naturally would be interested in the provincial Reconstruction Program, and possibly could be of some assistance.

Be far from me to accuse the Honourable, the Premier, of deliberately misrepresenting the facts; he is, however, very much mistaken. According to press reports, and this is my only information, I was named on a Revenue Committee. Personally, I have no interest in what are its functions I am not aware, nor did I get any notice of such appointment.

There was no intimation made to me whatsoever that I accept a position on the Tourist Committee, nor did I intimate that it would be improper, from my position as a judge, to do so. What is being said and what the Act to act in any capacity or in any position to which a salary is attached, and which is nothing to prevent them from holding positions, subject to the performance of their work as Judges, to which no remuneration is attached.

The late Judges Fitzgerald and Hazzard held many such positions, such as President of the Red Cross, President of the Memorial Association, and other positions, and no exception was taken to their holding such positions, and they have held the position of chairman of the Canadian Geographical Society, Director of Tourist and Publicity Bureau, director of the Good Roads Association, director and editor of the Canadian Geographical Society, and director of Canadian Bar Association, to all of which no salary is attached.

My letter to the Premier set out the reasons for my resignation on the Revenue Committee, and the reasons, which were not in accordance with his pronouncement in the House.

I could perhaps say a great deal more, but my only present object is to correct the statements made in the House concerning my interest in the present bill which I am presenting this will suffice.

I am, Sir, etc. A. E. ARSENAULT.

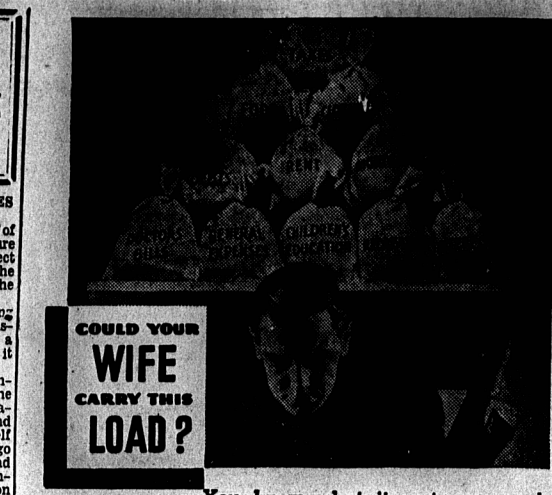
Canadian Memorials Are In Good Shape

(By Colonel H. C. Osborne, C.M.G., C.B.E., Secretary-General, Imperial War Graves Commission (Canada) and Secretary, Canadian Battle Casualties and Missing Commission, in the Legionary.)

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The St. Julien memorial column is in perfect condition and has suffered no damage of any kind. Some minor repairs to paving and walks will be needed. The charming surroundings at this site have been well maintained by local attention. The hedges are neatly trimmed and the whole memorial looks nearly as well kept as in the days before the war.

In the difficult years 1940 and 1941 when organized local maintenance could not be undertaken, a faithful workman crept out at old sap house, the clouds of steam escaping through cracks in the walls, the lights and shadows, the fun and good neighborhood add up to the fact that it's maple-sugar time again.



You know what it costs you each month to keep your family. Well, then, how could your wife get along if she had to carry the load without you?

The answer is, she couldn't possibly carry it unless you leave her a sufficient monthly income.

You know approximately what this monthly income should be. We can advise you how much life insurance you should own to provide it; and also how you can obtain an adequate income for yourself in the event of total disability through sickness or accident.

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HAIL! Hail to sweet Spring! Hail to the genial thaw!

Now poets bring unusual words to mind, And cats slip out to shake an antipaw.

In organic revels with their kind, The sleeping buds awake on every tree.

And sonnets spring like weeds in country lanes, While buxom ladies bend a pudgy knee.

To soothe an aching snowdrop's growing pains, Birds' flight—with hawk and—taion for a nest.

And greet the daybreak with a raucous shout, So that I cannot get my morning routine.

On ladies' heads the funny hats are out, I tune my small guitar, and loudly sing.

"Hail to the genial thaw! Hail, gentle Spring!" —Heater Pine in the New York Herald Tribune.

might to do what cleaning he could. The reports on Paschendale and Sanquary Wood Hill (2) are equally satisfactory. They have been in the same hands as St. Julien.

Of the four sites in France other than Vimy, Courcette and Le Quesnel are in fair condition, but Dury and Bourlon Wood are neglected and overgrown. All will require attention as and when conditions make the work possible.

Among the great memorials erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission and bearing names of "The Missing" three have received serious damage. They are the Indian Memorial at Neuve Chapelle, the Menin Gate at Ypres and the Australian Memorial at Villers Bretonneux.

This War—Four Years Ago. By The Canadian Press. MARCH 19, 1941.—The St. Lawrence waterways treaty with the United States was signed. The Turkish foreign minister and British Foreign Secretary conferred on the island of Cyprus.

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