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

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Pointless Price Comparisons

Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance during
the Great War, makes a timely contribution
to the price inflation discussion in an article
published in the Toronto Globe and Mail.

In the last war Great Britain, France and other
nations had exchange resources which enabled
them to go into world markets for what they
needed, and their competitive buying raised
prices.

The largest increases from 1914 to 1917 were
in agricultural prices, which brought Canadian
farmers prosperity. In August, 1917, the President
of the United States signed the Food Control
Bill, which authorized a minimum price of \$2
for wheat.

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Farm Cash Income

Cash income from the sale of farm products
in Canada increased sharply in 1942. At \$1-
083.1 millions it exceeded the estimate for all
previous years since this compilation was started
in 1926. In addition, farmers received substan-
tial supplementary income last year in the form
of Dominion and Provincial Government pay-
ments which are not included in these cash
income estimates.

As compared with 1941, cash
income was higher by \$184.2 millions. Sharp
increases in farm income from the sale of live
stock products were largely responsible for the
record income of 1942 and new records were
established in all provinces except Saskatchewan
and Alberta. These two provinces, how-
ever, received the greatest share of government
payments made to farmers. Income in Ontario
and Quebec was substantially higher in 1942 than
in any other year for which records are avail-
able. In comparison with 1941, all provinces
showed increased farm income, with larger
volume of production and higher prices for most
products both contributing. The sale of dairy
products was the largest single source of income
to farmers, and dairymen received a total of
\$224.4 millions in 1942, almost \$60 millions
more than in 1941. Income from the sale of
hogs was second in importance at \$199.9 millions,
an increase of \$32 millions over the previous year.
Despite higher prices, income from wheat de-
clined in 1942 as a result of reduced marketings.
Sales of oats, barley and flaxseed, on the other
hand, were sharply higher.

By provinces, cash income from the sale of
farm products, in millions of dollars, for the
year 1942, with comparative figures for the
previous year in brackets, was as follows: On-
tario \$344.8 (\$281.6); Saskatchewan \$189.6
(\$158.7); Alberta \$172.5 (\$152.8); Quebec
\$169 (\$143); Manitoba \$109.7 (\$80.5); British
Columbia \$145.5 (\$134.9); Nova Scotia \$25.5
(\$20.2); New Brunswick \$25 (\$19); and
Prince Edward Island \$12.1 (\$8.2).

Members' Birthplaces

According to an Ottawa correspondent, Ont-
ario, with 82 seats in the House, is represented
by 97 members... that many were born in the
province and they represent seats from coast to
coast... Quebec-born members number 63
compared with 65 seats for the province...
Nova Scotia was the birthplace of 14, New
Brunswick 12, Manitoba 10, Prince Edward Is-
land six, Saskatchewan three, Alberta two, and
British Columbia one—Mr. Howard Green of

Vancouver South. Eleven members were born
in the United States including Munitions Min-
ister Howe and Works Minister Fournier; eight
in England, five in Scotland, three in Ireland.
One came from Sweden—Olof Hanson (Lib.
Skeena); one from Russia—Samuel Factor (Lib.
Toronto Spadina), now on active service; one
from the Ukraine—Anthony Hlynka (N. D.
Vegreville); one from Newfoundland—J. W.
Noseworthy (C.C.F., York South); and one
from British Guiana—Victor Quelch (N. D.,
Acadia). The birthplace of a couple isn't given,
and there are three vacancies in the 245-seat
House.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An inventions board has been established at
Canadian military headquarters in Great Brit-
ain to encourage suggestions from Canadian
members of the armed forces overseas. The
board will consider all suggestions and inven-
tions submitted and has authority to apply for
patents. It will also recommend to the Defence
Minister compensation to the inventor. Con-
sideration of inventions by the overseas board
will prevent delays incurred in referring them to
Canada.

Are we discriminated against? The Domin-
ion Government has appropriated \$500,000 to
spend on improving a plant taking oil from the
Alberta tar sands, and hopes to recover the costs
from paying material produced for the Alaska
Highway according to the story told the House
of Commons by Munition Minister Howe. Of
course, in the King Government's opinion, the
new U.S.A. treaty road to Alaska is of more
importance than the Confederation treaty link
with this province. It is time for a change.

Many here will regret to learn of the death
in Toronto of Mr. E. M. Saunders, former
treasurer of the Canada Life Assurance Co. He
was a native of Fredericton, N.B. and in Tor-
onto took an active part in Maritime organ-
izations, being especially prominent at the time
when we were endeavouring, under the Borden
Government, to develop inter-provincial trade
between us and Upper Canada. He frequently
visited the Maritimes, and spent one summer
here with his wife and two sons. He was a
brother of Miss Marshall Saunders, the well-
known writer and author.

John Foxe, English ecclesiastic, died this
date 1587; chiefly remembered by his "Acts
and Monuments" published in 1563, better
known to past generations as Foxe's Book of
Martyrs, begun at the suggestion of Lady Jane
Grey; "By order of the Council of Constance,
the body of John Wickliffe was exhumed in
1428, burned to ashes, and the ashes thrown
into a neighbouring brook called the Swift. Ah,
what Heraclitus would not laugh, or what Democ-
ritus would not weep? ... Yet the word of
God and truth of his doctrine, with the fruit
and success thereof, they could not burn."

Here is a challenge. A large-space advertise-
ment signed by Hon. John Hart, premier of
British Columbia has been appearing in main-
land newspapers giving a review of that pro-
vince's financial position, and claiming that "it
will be admitted readily that conditions are en-
viable." British Columbia is the only province
in Canada that has managed to reduce its gross
debt during the past nine years. This factor,
the advertisement points out, plus the industrial
evolution that has taken place, and the intelli-
gent management of the province's natural re-
sources, lays a sure foundation for postwar
activity.

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"take your own towel" to the hotel
and the hairdresser.—Manchester
Guardian

Notes By The Way

Hiller has been Germany's strong
man. And if he disillusioned people
hang him he'll be Germany's strong
man, though they do say that he's
high strung already.—Toronto Star.

Interned Japanese are proving to
be great customers for the Culbertson
bridge books. They can study Cul-
bertson all their pleasure but we don't
think anybody is going to catch us
vulnerable again for a long, long
time.—From Saturday Review of
Literature.

"Don't talk about war or any-
thing related to it unless you know
definitely what you are talking
about," advises a Government of-
ficial. If this advice were followed,
the silence that would settle on this
country would be immensely soothing.—
St. Louis Star Times

Until a man has known the
rhythm of spending, he knows not
the value of a dollar. —Exchange.

Germans are grabbing up all the
English grammars from the dis-
tricts bordering the English Sea
Channel, according to a news
report. The idea behind the con-
fiscation is to prevent the people
of Great Britain from learning
English and thus being able to help
allied troops in case of an invasion
of the Continent. Quite a far cry
from the English basis, and malls for
years ago when the Nazis were
studying English in readiness for the
conquest of Britain.—Winnipeg
Tribune

A letter which was smuggled out
of Holland revealed that black mar-
keteers were asking \$100 for a pound
of coffee and \$120 for a pound of
tea. A pound of coffee (about
\$6.50) a bottle or pound of oatmeal
was valued at 12 guilders (about
\$5.50) a bottle of salad oil at 15
guilders (about \$8), and a tenth of
each of the other commodities (about
\$12.50). One egg the informant said,
cost half a guilder (27 cents). Ac-
cording to another source, British
sovereigns are worth the black mar-
ket price four times their nominal
value.—Netherlands News.

Private citizens need not be
ashamed if they forget at times
about the new postage rates and
force their friends to pay up. Com-
pare the balance for the privilege of
getting their letters. We received a
letter yesterday from a government
department containing a picture of
Mackenzie King's smiling countenance
and a note that if the postage
stamp of four cents. We are
trying hard to resist the temptation
to forward to somebody in the
country the stamps of four cents, col-
lect, of course.—New Glasgow Even-
ing News

Democracy will work if it is given a
fair chance to work. A little more
pressure on members of Parliament, a
little more insistence upon Parliam-
ent being Parliament, might do wonders.
In their own minds, and individually,
each one has the opportunity of liv-
ing wisely, and of helping Canada.
There need be no inflation in this
land, in spite of the heavy wartime
burden. If all people will set their
mind and their hand against it, for
inflation breeds upon public will,
and can be propagated, it is no other
thing than a vicious conspiracy
willingly to drive up the cost of
living, and to drive down the value
of money? None—Victoria Colon-
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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the
discussion of interesting
questions of interest. The
Charlottetown Guardian reserves
the right to edit or omit
material.

"THE MAY BE" AND "THE OFF-SET"

Sir.—Only those who know our
submarine losses can determine
the relative value of one new Car-
ferry on the Tormentine route or
ten cargo ships on the Atlantic
lifeline. After pressing home all
the relevant facts we must bow to
Colonel Ralston's decision that a
new boat will come only when pri-
orities permit. But besides bowing
to the decision, and besides keeping
the public and government awake
to the gravity of the situation, we
can also imagine our position if an
accident should befall the ferry.
This is not inviting disaster it is
just facing facts.

1st. We would have enough to
eat of potatoes, turnips, beef, eggs
and dairy products. We would be
short on canned vegetables, canned
fruits, flour, cereals, salt, fresh
fruits, sugar, etc.

2nd. We would be short on fuel
for domestic use. In the winter
following such an accident prob-
ably half the home owners of
Charlottetown and Summerside
would have to close their homes and
couple up to save fuel. Island
trains would probably run on the
mainland basis, and malls for
the most part would be flown or
horse driven.

3rd. The pumping stations and
electric light plants which depend
on coal and oil would have to close
altogether or greatly curtail their
activities.

4th. The Island air training
schools would have to be evacuated
to the mainland.

5th. Potatoes would drop to
twenty cents a bushel. Turnips
would be a rarity on the market.
The farmers income would be cut
drastically; his best revenue would
be derived from chopping down well
preserved wood-lots to keep his ex-
calibur neighbors from freez-
ing.

The store-keepers incomes would
also suffer. A few might go bank-
rupt.

6th. Any of our fishermen who
could get enough gas for a trip
would leave our shores and fish
out of Nova Scotia or New Brun-
swick ports.

This is not a complete picture,
perhaps not an accurate one. Mem-
bers of the Charlottetown and
Summerside Boards of Trade who
know the normal fuel and food
requirements of the Island, and
who are acquainted with the carry-
ing capacities of any probable
transports which might be pressed
into service should, any untoward
accident befall, would be carry-
ing out of Nova Scotia or New Brun-
swick ports.

7th. Stock piles of coal sufficient
for nine months, for all industrial
and domestic use should be made
at different centres. We, of course,
would never be nine months with-
out receiving coal shipments, but
nine months of use should be made
together with what might be brought
in would perhaps tide the Island
over a twenty month period.

PUBLIC MEETING

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HUNTER RIVER April 15

MONTAGUE April 16

KENSINGTON April 19

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MURRAY RIVER April 28

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in the Province of Prince Edward Island.

Any person or firm having a stock of such extracts or
essences on hand may ship the same out of the Province
on or before May 1st, 1943. If any such stocks cannot be
disposed of at cost, the holder must notify the Attorney
General on or before May 1st, 1943, stating the kinds and
quantities of such alcoholic essences and extracts on hand.
The Attorney General will then arrange for the purchase
or disposition of such reported stocks.

Dated this 9th day of April, A. D., 1943.

MARK R. MacGUGAN, Attorney General.

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power.

And toughened with wry gospels
of dismay.

Such are these who broke down the
door of France.

Wolves worrying at the old World's
honour.

Hunting Peace not to prison but
her tomb.

But ever as some brown song-bird
gapes robbery, darts on the hawk
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So Peace hath answered, angry and
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—James Elroy Flecker, 1916.

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