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

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Welcome Visitors

country is not entirely self-sufficient in butter. Before the war we imported butter from New Zealand and Australia to meet our home demands. We also were dependent upon outside sources for about 240,000,000 pounds of vegetable oils annually, most from the Far East. That figure has been cut drastically, and our efforts to produce more vegetable oils at home are nowhere near supplying our needs.

Through our ability to produce butter to meet most of the needs of our population, Canada in normal times has not required margarine as a staple food. But we must still depend upon outside sources for our cooking oils and fats, such as shortening. Therefore, to make margarine in this country we would have to draw further upon the already dangerously low world pool of edible oils. This would mean that the supply of these commodities for Britain, the United States and the European countries would be reduced. If we must eat margarine, others must go without some part of their precious fats and oil supply.

The *Globe and Mail* sums up the situation in this fashion:

We are not suffering in this country, even though our butter ration has been reduced. For Canadians to demand margarine at this time would not only be morally, but materially, out of the question. The argument for and against margarine production in periods of normal supply is another matter.

-EDITORIAL NOTES-

The P. E. I. Hospital Campaign is "the first order of the day."

A grocer who started his business in an old post office building in 1941 attributes his 1945 business of over \$200,000 in a town of 2,000 people to "a steady, strong newspaper advertising schedule."

There is a disturbing scarcity of ducks at most points along the Atlantic Coast, according to a Washington despatch. Can it be the ducks have tired of being shot at, in season and out of season, and have emigrated to where gunners cease from troubling and ducklings get a rest.

Napoleon quitted Elba this date 1815, and proceeded to France which rallied to him, and he once more challenged the coalition government which had ousted him. The battle of Waterloo on June 18 was the answer to this challenge, his surrendering to the British, who relegated him to the Island of St. Helena, where he died in 1821.

It is not often, as on Sunday night, a fire plays havoc at one and the same time, with a fire insurance agency, a city recorder's office, a city auditor's office, and the office of the Chairman of the Water and Sewage Commissioners.

Leisure is all right if one has a useful hobby and can afford to indulge in it, but this cannot be said of many of the returned men who now have idleness thrust upon them. They cannot afford, for their own morale, to be idle, and should take the first possible job offering, in the sure and certain hope that if they make good in it, it will lead to something more worthwhile.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides have just concluded one of the most successful Baden-Powell anniversaries since they were instituted, and credit is due to all the Provincial leaders, including especially Mr. R. S. P. Jardine, Mr. K. M. Martin, Mr. G. J. McCormack, Mrs. J. Y. Reay, Miss Lilian Duchemin, Mrs. Harry Cudmore, and Rev. S. J. Davies, acting Boy Scout Field Commissioner.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates that the downward trend in Canadian hog production which began in the spring of 1944 would continue through the first half of this year on the basis of the number of sows bred to farrow. Evidence of the reduced spring and fall pig crops of 1945 is shown in a reduction in the hog population, estimated at 5,853,100 for December 1, 1945, compared with 7,646,800 for December 1, 1944. The greatest decreases were recorded for the Prairie Provinces, which, during the years of heavy production, have been most important contributors to the available supplies of bacon for export.

Restoring order in Bombay, the scene of violent food riots during the past week, is the difficult task today confronting Colonel the Rt. Hon. Sir John Colville, who has been governor of the province since 1943. Sir John can bring a wide and varied experience to bear on the problem. A Scot, 50 years of age, with industrial as well as political training, he was formerly a director of David Colville and Sons and other steel and engineering firms. His appointment to Bombay terminated 14 years in the House of Commons, during which time he sat for North Middlethorpe. He had also held Ministerial posts.

Stressing the difficulties confronting a woman who tries to combine professional or public life with domestic care, Mrs. Dr. Edith Summerville, M.P., points out that "of the twenty-four women in the House of Commons today, only two or three of us have children of school age," and she warns any of her young married listeners who were contemplating trying to run a home and take an active part in public life that "Your attempt will fail unless you possess a co-operative husband and know a fine woman who will devote herself to your children. I have been blessed with both." Most women candidates for Parliament or local government, however, were either single, married and childless, or middle-aged with a grown-up family. The maternal instinct, she averred, could not be stifled, and a natural sort of woman could not concentrate on her work and be oblivious of the needs of the family. She confessed that during a long night sitting in the House she has often crept out to the telephone "to find out whether Michael's cough was better or if Shirley got wet coming home from school."

Increase Imports

The fact that Canada, as a great exporting country, cannot escape her obligations as an importer, has once again been heavily underlined, this time by Paul Kronacher, Belgian supply minister.

While visiting Ottawa, Mr. Kronacher said Belgium intended to purchase \$85,000,000 worth of goods in Canada in 1946. Belgium is borrowing \$25,000,000 for the purchase of supplies here, and this loan may later be increased. But whether the goods are purchased with borrowed money or not, they must eventually be paid for by the export of Belgian goods and services to Canada and to other countries. There is only one other way, and that is to give these goods away, as was done under Mutual Aid during the war, in which case the Canadian taxpayers will be paying for them.

What applies to Belgium applies to the rest of the world. Canada, by the time it is finished, will this year have loaned more than \$2 billions in credits to countries both within and outside the sterling area. If she is to receive payment for these loans, she must be prepared to import on a scale far greater than any she has hitherto known.

Within a few years, the loans Canada is making will start to fall due. Countries which, through export of goods and services on a multi-lateral trading basis, have not accumulated sufficient foreign currency to pay these debts, will be compelled, in order to maintain their balance of payments, to restrict imports to the bone, with the not unlikely result that trade barriers as onerous as those which obtained before the war will again be erected. The effect on an exporting country like Canada would be disastrous.

Margarine And Shortages

The present shortage of butter in Canada, and a popular misconception as to why Canada does not make its substitute, margarine, says the *Globe and Mail*, has raised again the cry for manufacture of this latter product. Margarine, or oleomargarine as it is sometimes known, is a butter-like substance made from vegetable and animal oils, colored and flavored, where legislation allows it, to resemble butter. It is a stranger to Canada, where it has been under ban for many years, and millions in this country probably have never seen or tasted it. Margarine was invented in 1869 in France, and was called "butyrene." It became the butter substitute for the poor of the cities and became accepted in Britain during the last war. Canada banned its manufacture under the Laurier Administration shortly after the turn of the century. The order was rescinded in 1917, as a war measure, and reapplied, after a political battle, in 1923. It has been claimed by some that this legislation has created a monopoly for the cow, or, more specifically, the dairy farming industry. In peacetime this might be a valid argument. In wartime and in this period of world food shortage, however, it carries little moral or factual weight.

It is true that Britain and most parts of the United States allow the sale of margarine, but in those countries the situation is not similar to that of Canada. Britain must eat what she can get. If margarine is available, she wants it. Butter is a rare commodity in that country. In the United States vegetable oils are channeled into a rationed margarine supply. But in that country there is a stiff battle going on between the dairy industry and the margarine manufacturers over the taxation of the latter product. Some States over the line, notably the dairy farming sections, prohibit its use.

Despite Canada's large dairy industry, this

Notes By The Way

Nowadays, when people want to stand up for their rights, they have a sit-down strike. —Hamilton Spectator.

Statistics show that toys are being sold in record-breaking quantities. With the war over, more fathers than ever have to be entertained. —Hamilton Spectator.

About the only relieving feature of the Indonesian trouble is that there have been some puns about the British being in Dutch. —Ottawa Citizen.

Queen's has elected "the typical co-ed" (being typical apparently ranking higher than being exceptional) and the University of Toronto has elected "the mad woman" I would most willingly skip a lecture to hear yours and others in this up-to-date "co-ed" world lies the hope of the coming year. —Peterborough Examiner.

Leadership can only be assumed if and when we cease to support our time and effort on the mechanical and technical side of the job. We must have the courage to stand up and be counted on the vital problems facing us, rather than worrying about the minor issues involved. —Mrs. Ward B. Gorman, president of New York State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Like all mental attitudes, laughter and should be cultivated. Laughter is a two-edged weapon—valuable as a tonic, but deadly when used as ridicule. There is no let us do this and that, the most contagious and helpful asset in these bad times. Spread happiness. Go about your daily duties with a cheerful and helpful attitude. Laugh and the world will laugh with you. —London Express.

A note from "Southern England" points out that the Methodist congregation displaced by the U.N.C.O. in the Methodist Central Hall is having to meet temporarily in a number of unaccustomed places. So the church which is quite used to being ministered to is now experiencing an itinerating congregation. The regular services used to be held in the Coliseum Theatre, but since the U.N.C.O. moved in, said he, "I'm a little bit of a variety." —Manchester Guardian.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

RIGHT OR WRONG

Sir,—Evidently none of your readers are willing to come forward with an elucidation of the question which I proposed for study and consideration some short time ago. That time I quoted from the political credo of Government or Al Smith which reads: "I know what right is, and if I ever wrote it, I would not give it to you." The *Guardian* readers as to the fitness of the word "right" in this connection. The only answer I received from you was that you were uninterested. Frankly I must say I regret this apparent lack of interest. The only answer I received from you was that you were uninterested. Frankly I must say I regret this apparent lack of interest. The only answer I received from you was that you were uninterested. Frankly I must say I regret this apparent lack of interest.

Now to the task of dealing with the word "right" as used here. My contention is that it is entirely unright and means very little. What I mean is that it is entirely unright and means very little. What I mean is that it is entirely unright and means very little. What I mean is that it is entirely unright and means very little.

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QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds

GAME RESOLUTION

Sir,—Regarding the Game resolution presented to the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture annual meeting last Thursday, I would like to explain that it merely called for fact-finding committees of interested members to represent the Federation at a meeting with the executive of Pheasants Unlimited to discuss the problems of both, on the question of Island game, and not a fact-finding committee as the press implied.

Talking this over with the president of the Federation before the meeting was suggested that a representative of Pheasants Unlimited be invited to discuss their plans with the meeting but it was found that there was not time on the agenda for this, so the idea was proposed that a committee be appointed to look into the matter. Therefore the resulting resolution, in reply to Mr. Acorn's letter I must state that all statements made were based on information received by the resolutions committee of that meeting from a bona fide active member of Pheasants Unlimited.

I did not say that anyone intended to make the Island a sportsman's paradise in the sense of the farmers, but in introducing the resolution mentioned, that as this club had not notified or contacted with the officials of our Island farmers (the

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 it slings again—the flowered storm
 of spring.
 A golden-fringed defiance through
 the haze
 Of sudden clouds. The far, faint
 trumpeting
 Of leaf and bud and bayoneted
 grass
 Throbs in the muffled conduits of
 the earth:
 I sense the growing tumult as I
 regard
 These fields that wait the old, old
 signs of birth.

Not many dawns will break before
 dull clouds
 Will cleave away before the blue
 of sky
 And meadows will be riotous with
 Of crocuses and dandelions that
 are
 fling
 Their yellow banners in the teeth
 of death.
 Soon laurel with reconquer every
 slope.
 Dark streams will quiver with
 the
 And the old heart be stormed again
 with hope.

—Anderson M. Scruggs

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