THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

Morning Daily (Founded in 1887)

President: Lieut. Col. W. Chester S. McLure
Vice-President: J. R. Burnett, F.J.I.
Secretary: Lieut. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O.
Editor and Managing Director: J. R. Burnett, F.J.I.
Associate Editors: Frank Walker and Ian A. Burnett

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
By Mail in P. E. I., $4.00 per year; $2.50 for 6 months $1.25 for 3 months; 50c for one month
City Delivery: $5.00 per year; $3.00 for 6 months $1.75 for 3 months.
By Mail in Canada and U. S. A.: $5.00 per year
Saturday Weekly: $2.00 per year; $1.00 for 6 months, 50c for 3 months.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1941.

Rail Rate Increases

Effective on February 1, the rail rates on a number of commodities, including canned fish and iron and steel articles, were materially increased from the Maritime Provinces to British Columbia coast points. This is in line with an uptrend in rail rates which has been noticeable since the war, and which seems to have been applied only to certain commodities from Eastern Canada to the Pacific coast. The principal reason is the withdrawal and curtailment of water competition, as for example the Vancouver-St. Lawrence line which abandoned their service shortly after the outbreak of war when their chartered vessels were requisitioned by the British Government. The increases have caused a good deal of dissatisfaction among shippers both east and west, but protest so far has proved unavailing.

British Columbia recently appealed to the Board of Transport Commissioners in the matter, and the appeal was turned down. The defense put up by the railways, says the Vancouver Province, "amounted to no more than a clear statement that, now that the war had cleared away water competition, they can get the increase and are going after it."

"The case of the railways," adds the Province, "is exactly the same as that of the landlord who would take advantage of war exigencies to boost rents or of the merchant who would gouge an extra profit on butter or sugar. The landlord is prohibited by regulations under the War Measures Act from putting up his rent. The merchant can charge no higher price for sugar or butter than the War Prices Board allows. The Government is concerned with keeping prices down so that there may be no widespread demand for higher wages and that it may be possible to control inflation. Why, under the circumstances, should the railroads be an exception?

"A further appeal—to the Government this time—would seem to be in order."

Seeking A Moses

One thing achieved by the Ottawa conference on the Sirois report, says the Fortnightly Law Journal, was to demonstrate that Canada will need to work out its salvation under Confederation as it exists, and that experiments in new forms of Confederation can only serve to precipitate a crisis. "There can be no doubt," adds the Law Journal, "that Confederation has worked and worked well for long enough to show that there is no inherent defect either in the idea or in the form which that idea was clothed in 1867. The fault must lie elsewhere. It seems to us that that fault lies in the fact that the system of machine politics that prevails tends to discourage leadership and encourage only mediocrity. The politician himself pays lip service to democracy, while at the same time holding hitlerian ambitions for himself. Everywhere we see only the lust for power. The jealousies of the conference, the jealousies of the legislatures of the powers of the judiciary, the increase of administrative tribunals, funny-money politicial regimes, all show the trend of political self seeking. We are in the wilderness indeed, and the Rowell-Sirois report is no Moses to lead us out of it."

President Roosevelt's Powers

Opposition to the lend-lease bill in the U. S. Congress seems to be petering out. In any case, it has an air of unreality in view of the fact that the President has already practically unlimited powers of action, and there is nothing in the lend-lease bill to alter his status in that regard.

If the President wants to go to war in aid of Britain, he has all the power he needs to do it. Only Congress can formally declare war, but the President—any President— can precipitate war by exercise of his indisputable constitutional power. Here, according to an authority in the Minneapolis Star Journal, are some of the things which the President can do, and which other Presidents have done:

He can send the navy, or any part of it, anywhere in the world. Theodore Roosevelt sent it around the world. McKinley sent the battleship Maine to Havana Harbor when the U. S. was not at war with Spain.

The President has the power to send a battleship, or the whole fleet, into the English Channel or the Mediterranean tomorrow.

Probably he could order the navy to protect the sea lanes all the way from New York Harbor to Liverpool.

He can send, and has sent, troops into foreign countries without declaration of war by Congress.

Other Presidents have sent American troops into Mexico, Nicaragua, China and other nations, where they engaged in armed conflict, without benefit of a declaration of war.

He can proclaim and pursue a policy which may lead to war, or must inevitably lead to war.

The Monroe doctrine was a presidential policy, and it remained a presidential policy until very recently it received congressional sanction. The Monroe doctrine is a commitment to fight under given conditions.

Wilson's policy with regard to submarines became a cause for war in 1917. He could have adopted a different policy—as Bryan urged. The decision on policy was made by him, not by Congress. He created a situation which led to war.

The President can break off diplomatic relations with any country without consulting Congress.

He can make executive agreements with foreign nations which may be far more important than treaties. The line between executive agreements, which the President can make alone, and treaties, has never been clearly defined. The destroyer-base deal was an executive agreement.

He can send abroad personal emissaries — such as Hopkins, Donovan or a Colonel House. He can reach secret understandings with foreign powers—which are as good as his word and his power to execute them.

This list could be extended. The powers of the President as commander-in-chief and as the official chiefly responsible for the conduct of U. S. international relations are almost unlimited.

They always have been. That is just as much a part of the American system of government as is the power of the House of Representatives to originate bills for raising revenue. If war were his aim, President Roosevelt would not be wasting time asking Congress for the lend-lease bill.

— EDITORIAL NOTES —

Charlottetown had 67 hours of sunshine during January.

* * * *

It is more blessed to give to the War Certificate canvassers than for them to receive.

* * * *

Soldiers at Yarmouth Camp under Col. Ulric Dawson subscribed just over $2,000 out of their pay for War Saving Stamps and Certificates.

* * * *

There is a lot of Lord Haw-Haws in Germany, it is now reported. Just so; as is also a lot of Hitlers; but not so many Mussolini's in Italy as heretofore.

* * * *

What does Prime Minister Churchill want most of all? More spitfires. The Malayan Press sent him approximately $57,500 to be spent as he wished. He turned the money over to Lord Beaverbrook for the purchase of Spitfires.

* * * *

A medical mission to Halifax from Harvard declare they have found that city a "perfect" point from which to study meningitis. Rather a left-handed compliment to pay so important an eastern port as the capital of Nova Scotia.

* * * *

Both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Legislatures are summoned for Tuesday 25th inst. If our Government follows use-and-wont the Legislature should meet on or about April 3rd. That would be a week before Good Friday enabling an adjournment to be made over Easter as usual.

* * * *

Premier Aberhart got a vote of confidence and endorsation of his Sirois report policy at the by-elections in Camrose. The only opposition candidate was a C. C. F. man who argued that the Sirois report would have been beneficial to Alberta.

* * * *

At Stalingrad, Russia, four Christian evangelists have been sentenced to death for preaching the gospel, while 12 others have been sent to penitentiary for a like offence. Dictatorship, Communist, Fascist or Nazi, cannot tolerate free speech or religion—or at least, not for long.

* * * *

Prince Albert Francis Charles Augustus Emanuel, youngest son of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg married Queen Victoria this date 1840 and they lived happily together for 21 years, when the Prince Consort died of typhoid at Windsor. He was mourned by the whole nation which had learned to appreciate his elevated character and beneficient influence. The present King is his great grandson.

* * * *

President T. R. Dent, of the Holstein-Friesian Association declared at the annual meeting in Toronto the other day, that the tendency was to exploit the patriotism of the farmers by encouraging them to produce more and sell below cost. He said that dairy farmers had just passed through some lean years and added that "just at a time when it looked as though butter would reach a price which would bring a profit to the producer, we find the government authorities at Ottawa pegging the price at a level which, with the rising cost of production, will not pay the farmer a reasonable return for feed and labor."

* * * *

Lord Lloyd, who has recently passed to his final reward, was one Empire Statesmen who resigned his official position, as High Commissioner for Egypt, rather than endorse or carry out the policy of "scuttle" inaugurated by Ramsay Macdonald and the Labour Party when in power. He was then backed by Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons, and when "Winni" came into his own, he remembered Lloyd and his sacrifice for principle and called him to his Cabinet. The Empire is the poorer today for his demise at the age of sixty-one.

* * * *

No company or individual may export cheese from Canada in shipments of more than 50 pounds without permission of the Dairy Products Board, under an order of the board. Cheese shipped to the United Kingdom by licensed exporters under instruction of the dairy products board are not included in the order, the announcement said. The board has also ordered that on and after March 1, no person may export concentrated milk products outside Canada without its permission. As in the case of cheese the order does not apply to concentrated milk products shipped to the United Kingdom under instruction of the board. Under the agreement Britain will take 112,000,000 pounds of Canadian cheese in the ensuing year: and Canada may deliver $3,750,000 worth of condensed milk in the same period

* * * *

"We are told we are fighting for liberty," said Mr. Leslie, M. P., in the British Commons. "When we speak of liberty I am always reminded of those brave words of that great Scottish patriot, Sir William Wallace:—" 'When I was a youth and under the care of my uncle the priest of Dunipace, all I could carry away from him was a single proverb, but it seemed to me above all price and I never forget it It was this:—"I tell you a truth, liberty is the best of all things. My son, never live under a slavish bond.' " "If that was true in the days of Sir William Wallace it is true today so far as this country is concerned. Freedom-loving people have viewed with horror Nazism, with its concentration camps, its suppression of freedom, its oppression of religion and its robbery of working-class organizations. It should be made clear that all legitimate grievances can be remedied by negotiation, based not on the threat of force, but on mutual respect for the pledged word."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Stripped of all its fancy verbiage and bereft of all its tabulated statistics, the Siro's Report says simply that the finances of Canada have to go through the cleaners and one method of doing it is recommended. Some of the provinces have been spending more than they could afford. The inevitable day of reckoning is approaching too fast for equanimity. By a shifting of financial responsibilities from the provinces to the Dominion, Ottawa hopes to salvage most of the impending wreckage. It is not a nice pill to take. But, there is no use trying to dress up the report in a lot of pretty words that won't help at all, when the hard facts have to be revealed. — Harrison in Windsor Star.

If there had been no war it is quite probable that the wishes of Jehovah's Witnesses not to have their children sing the National Anthem and salute the flag would have continued to be tacitly granted. But when a nation is at war those who are not for the flag are rightly regarded as against it. Apparently these do not care whether it flies or falls. Such unpatriotic indifference merits the displeasure of loyal people. If the Union Jack should fall, those religious sects which refuse to honor it would be compelled to bow to the swastika, the emblem of oppression, or be herded into concentration camps. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The Ottawa Journal is authority for the statement that, in addition to all the temporary buildings which have already been erected in the Capital, upwards of two millions more will be spent on temporary wooden buildings this year. The various departments are so expanding that more space is urgently required, which means more staff. The people of Canada will soon be paying taxes that are the heaviest in our history. There will be no grumbling. Canadians know war costs money. But they do want to make certain they get a dollar's worth for every dollar spent. One wonders whether an efficiency expert is not needed at Ottawa. — London Free Press.

—**"Never say die" is apparently** the slogan of that tenacious minority in California which is still seeking to incorporate its "ham and eggs" fantasy into the state's constitutional system. This something for nothing movement, which once crusaded for $30 every Thursday, has been condemned by every competent economist and twice rejected by the voters, yet it comes back for more. Now the same ringleaders of "Ham and Eggs" have launched a new pension drive and are preparing to circulate another initiative measure. The new organization is to be known as the "Pay Roll Guarantee Association, Inc." The provisions, although somewhat modified, are essentially the same as before. Money is to be doled out to almost everyone over 21, in different amounts based upon age and situation. — San Francisco Argonaut.

Silently through the snowy hours soft bits of sky have been floating earthward, like bright minutes gathering from distant planets. All trees — maple, ash, oak—are birch trees, at least on the upper sides of their trunks. All afternoon the voices of children have shot silver shafts through the muffled whiteness. Snow! There is too much delight for one day's savoring. So two sleds are abandoned at the sidewalk's edge. Somewhere in this vast, deep featherbed of fun their owners are hidden, perhaps building a snow fort or rolling into mammoth balls the tiny, gem-like particles that look so precious when they shine singly on woolly sleeves. All these white stars — made of the very air, made of cloud and wind and light—all day they have been falling on the earth Twilight stays bright with them The evening shadows are almost dispersed as they try to close in Night must wait. — Christian Science Monitor.

As for those Japanese who are here, whether naitve-born or naturalized, they are entitled to exactly the same treatment as is accorded all Canadian citizens, and it would be the part of wisdom to accord them that treatment. The Province has defended our fellow citizens of Oriental blood against those who, for their own purposes would like to put them in a restricted and lower category of citizenship, and will continue its defence. — Vancouver Province.

Commenting on the great copyright war raging between the radio broadcasters and the music composers, an official of one of the major chains is quoted to the effect that it amounts to nothing anyway. "My theory," said he, "is, people don't pay any attention to what is played, anyway. It's just noise." It sounds like poison ivy, but who gets the wreath—the song writer, the radio public, or radio as an institution. — Chicago Daily News.

The Second Canadian Divisional Signals are adapting commercial facsimile transmission to military purposes. After long experimment, a system has been devised which has never previously been used in army work. The machines employed resemble modern teletype machines. Maps sketches, and written or printed matter can be transmitted over regular wire or radio circuits. It is claimed that the system is a scientific application of commercial equipment to army needs, and that it provides speed, accuracy, and variety. The machines operate over any available speech channel.. — London Times.

What has changed the United States outlook? The bombing of British cities has had a lot to do with it. You typists and bus conductors and factory workers who have stuck to your jobs after these days and nights of mass slaughter, you have convinced America as Churchill and Lothian could never have done that Britain has her heart in this war. So have your auxiliary firemen who have turned out to fight the biggest blazes since Moscow in 1812 and have died in your dozens. as fresh bombs were rained down on you. Then the sheer efficiency of our airmen has caught the American imagination. The handful of men who saved London on September 16 and the smaller handful who crippled the Italian fleet don't seem like war losers. American money, American material and, even more important,

The Pigeon Menace

(Halifax Chronicle)

Pigeons from now on are suspect of fifth column activity. Any pigeon found without a national registration card had better watch his step. The whole thing is set out in an Extra in The Canada Gazette, dated Ottawa February 1. It would be a shame to paraphrase the dignified language of that official sheet. Let us quote it direct:

"Whereas the Minister of Justice reports that it has been represented by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that the unrestricted traffic in homing pigeons, to and fro, across the international boundary line, presents a channel through which communication contrary to the Defence of Canada Regulations may be carried on:

"And whereas the Minister of Justice is of opinion, upon the facts represented, that it is expedient in the public interest that the Defence of Canada Regulations be amended to restrict the traffic in homing pigeons to and fro across the international boundary line."

Now just a moment. Let's pause before examining the rest of it. So far it makes sense. Carrier pigeons would afford an easy channel of communication for enemy agents, although other channels exist. It should be fairly simple, too, for Customs officers to check any shipment of homing pigeons across the border. If any more German prisoners escape it is important that they have no access to such a simple method of sending messages out of the country. But let's continue with the Gazette:

"Therefore, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice and under and by virtue of the War Measures Act, and by Chapter 206 of the Revised Statutes of Canada 1927, is pleased to amend the Defence of Canada Regulations (Consolidated) 1940, and it is hereby amended by adding thereto immediately after Regulation 18A thereof the following as Regulation 18B:"

(Phew!)

"18B (1) Subject to any exemption for which provision may be made by Order of a competent authority, no person shall, except under the authority of a written permit granted by or on behalf of a competent authority, bring, take or send any live pigeon into or out of Canada; and where any officer of the Department of National Revenue finds any live pigeon or any occasion on which it has been brought or sent into Canada or is being taken or being sent out of Canada, then, unless he is satisfied that such bringing, taking or sending is either exempt from the restriction imposed by this regulation or authorized by a written permit pursuant to the provisions of this regulation, he may seize and detain such pigeon and may cause it to be liberated, detained, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with instructions given by or on behalf of a competent authority."

This breezy discourse ends with the following a ide:

"(2) For the purposes of this Regulation 'a competent authority' shall mean the Minister of National Revenue."

And there it is in all its scope. "Any live pigeon" is suspect If the officer finds any pigeon on any occasion being sent in or out of the cuntry, illegally, he may seize and detain it. (A pretty picture of Authority in action.) From now on Customs officers will regard all pigeons with suspicion. For who knows what pigeons among the flock sitting on Customs House itself may be in process of travelling to or from the United States

In border communities like St Stephen, where pigeons are quite common, Customs officers will be puzzled to know which of the live pigeons are stay-at-home fuddyduddies, which are restless fellows travelling back and forth just for the heck of it, and which are birds being sent on hostile missions.

Our sympathy is with the Customs men —and the pigeons.

A STITCH IN TIME

Darn the worn carpet with a rug wool, being careful to match the color of the carpet perfectly. It will greatly reduce the shabby appearance and it will wear much longer than if mended after it has formed actual holes.

American sympathies are not going down the drain if they back this kind of Britain, the kind of Britain which recently rejected peace at any price by 341 Commons votes to four. America's next steps may be decisive. She will take them herself. Our part has been to convince her not so much of the indecency of Nazis as of the decency of Britons.—London Daily Express..

Amazing 1¢ Sale
WOODBURY FACIAL SOAP
This Cake 1¢
WHEN YOU BUY 3 CAKES AT REGULAR PRICE
ALL 4 CAKES 23c

BROMO-SELTZER SPECIAL
$1.20 SIZE FOR 69c

LISTERINE TOOTH PASTE
3 TUBES REG. 75c
SPECIAL 49¢

WILDERS STOMACH POWDER
50¢ and $1.00

REDDIN BROS.
PHONE 86
WE DELIVER

The Poets' Corner

THE BRAVE AT HOME

The maid who binds her warrior's sash
With smile that all her pain dissembles,
The while beneath her drooping lash
One starry tear-drop hangs and trembles,
Though heaven alone records the tear,
And Fame shall never know her story,
Her heart has shed a drop as dear
As e'er bedewed the field of glory.

The wife who girds her husband's sword,
'Mid little ones who weep or wonder,
And bravely speaks the cheering word,
What though her heart be rent asunder,
Doomed nightly in her dreams to hear
The bolts of death around him rattle,
Has shed as sacred blood as e'er
Was poured upon the field of battle.

The mother who conceals her grief
While to her breast her son she presses,
Then breathes a few brave words and brief,
Kissing the patriot brow she blesses,
With no one but her secret God
To know the pain that weighs upon her,
Sheds holy blood as 'er the sod
Received on Freedom's field of honor.

—Thomas Buchanan Read.

AN OLD STORY

That is a pretty story that has come up from Alto Pass down in the Illinois Ozarks about the hollyhocks that a slave girl named Priscilla planted more than a century ago. The girl was a quadroon, born on a Carolina plantation and sold at the age of nine to a well-to-do Cherokee. He took her to the Great Smoky Mountains, where she planted by her tepee a packet of hollyhock seeds that she had brought from the plantation.

They grew and bloomed and, when the tribe came West, she carried still another handful in her apron pocket. Frozen creeks halted the caravan near Jonesboro in the winter of 1838; there she was bought by Basil Silkwood of Mukeytown, who later set her free along with other slave children. To show her appreciation, she planted the seeds near the house of her benefactor, and for 102 years they have come up, blazed red and pink and flame, seeded themselves and come up again.

That is the story. And now seeds from the first flowers planted by the slave girl have been scattered by hollyhock lovers in a mass seeding of more than 300 miles of roadside in southern Illinois.

DOCTORS CHECK KIDNEYS FIRST

Because they know that healthy Kidneys remove from the blood the waste matter —the excess acids and poisons, formed by the ever-changing human body as it decays and rebuilds itself. But if the Kidneys fail, illness surely follows. Backache, Rheumatic Pains, Impure Blood, Lack of Energy, Too Frequent Urination, Sleeplessness, Headaches—all may result from faulty kidneys. As a health safeguard —as a wise precaution—regulate your kidneys frequently with Dodd's Kidney Pills—for over fifty years the favorite Kidney remedy—non-habit forming. 108

Dodd's Kidney Pills

CLEAN TEETH NEVER DECAY

USE ONE OF THESE AND BE SAFE

Gibbs Dentifrice
Pepsodent Paste
Pepsodent Powder
Ipana Paste
Forhan Paste
Kolynos Paste
Arden Paste
Nyal Paste
Colgate Paste
Listerine Paste
Lyons Powder
Listerine Powder
Squibbs Powder
Colgates Powder
Astringsol Powder
Calox Powder
Prophylactic Powder
Cue Liquid
Oral Perborate

We stock all these lines.

JAMIESON'S
DRUG STORE

MAC'S SPECIAL RX. 315

Cod Liver Oil Extract with Cresote and Guiacol Compound.

A real tonic for coughs, colds and grippe. It is better than an ordinary cough medicine for it reaches the seat of the trouble, relieves the cough and supplies continual treatment to build up the system, to withstand future attack.

A splendid blood and body building tonic for both young and old who take it regularly.

Price $1.00 Per Bottle.

SENSATIONAL 1c SALE

Woodbury's Facial Soap. Buy 3 cakes. Pay 1c for fourth cake. All four cakes for—23c

MAC'S PIG WORM POWDER

Expels worms. Saves losses. Tones Hogs. Increases Profits.

Helps make bigger, better, healthier hogs. Macs Pig Worm Powder and tonic, not only removes the worms but is an excellent tonic for the hogs. Large sums of money are lost by farmers through worms in pigs and these losses can be entirely avoided by using Macs Pig Worm Powder and Tonic.

THE TWO MACS

149 Great George Street

MAIL ORDERS GIVEN PROMPT ATTENTION

See the picture, "A Little Bit of Heaven" at the Prince Edward Theatre February 13th, 14th and 15th, in aid of the C. W. League.

WE ARE EQUIPPED TO FILL ALL YOUR Insurance Needs

W. K. ROGERS AGENCIES LTD.

Queen St. Phone 540—541

SCOTT'S EMULSION
CONTAINS VITAMINS A and
The Best Way to take COD LIVER OIL
59¢ AND 98

E. A. FOSTER
Central Drugstore

How Are Your Eyes

If you are having symptoms of strain — headaches, sore eyes or dizziness — consult a specialist.

At your service with years of experience and a thorough refracting service.

Call in and discuss your difficulties.

G. F. Hutcheson

F. G. HUTCHESON
G. F. HUTCHESON

FOX MEAT
Boneless Horse Meat
50's 5c Lb.
Ground Meat 50's — — 5
Beef Tripe 50's — — 4 1-2
Calf Tripe 50's — — 3 1-2
ABOVE MEATS ALL NEW PA
Island Cold Storage Company

EXAMINATION
Fitting and Supplying Glasses Etc.
H. J. MABON
OPTOMETRIST
Montague, P. E. I.
Office Hours: 10 to 12 A. M. 2 to 5 P. M.
Holidays etc. by appointment
Office Connected with DRUGSTORE

E. R. Brow & Son
Fire, Auto, Life, Accident, Sickness and Plate Glass Insurance at Lowest Rate
Agent at Summerside, Lloyd Lewis
144 Richmond St. Charlottetown

Say to Your Grocer I Want
BRAHMIN ORANGE PEKOE TEA
You will enjoy its superior quality

HICKEY'S TWIST
IS
10c Per Fig

OUR ARMIES ARE ADVANCING

Showing Quality and Confidence, British Armies are winning victories in North and East Africa. Quality of our Tobacco has brought it the confidence of hundreds of ISLANDERS.

HICKEY'S BLACK TWIST CHEWING

Manufactured By
HICKEY & NICHOLSON Tobacco Co., Ltd.
— CHARLOTTETOWN —