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

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Governor DeBlois's Retirement

On the eve of his retirement from office which he has filled with outstanding success for five and three-quarter years, His Honour Lieutenant Governor DeBlois has written a farewell message which appears in today's Guardian, and which will be read with interest and appreciation by all classes of our citizens.

Of special importance in His Honour's message is the emphasis placed on the need, at this critical time in the affairs of Canada and the Empire, of men in public office being guided not by motives of personal gain or glory, but of service to the country.

It is a matter of regret that the powers-that-be at Ottawa have seen fit, at this time, to terminate Lieutenant Governor DeBlois's period of office, in which his zeal and ability have been amply demonstrated. There has lately gone forth from the Dominion Government an appeal to forget party politics and unite in wholehearted support of the Dominion's war efforts.

Mr. Bell's Election

Congratulations, (unavoidably belated) are due to Mr. R. Reginald Bell, Councillor-elect for the Second District of Queen's, as decided in the Supreme Court in a judgment delivered yesterday by Chief Justice Matheson.

Mr. LePage, up to the time of his purported resignation, on Sept. 12, held the offices of President of the Executive Council and Chairman of the Fishermen's Loan Board. Announcement was then made of his appointment as Lieutenant Governor. While the appointment is scheduled to go into effect tomorrow (Oct. 1) the oath of office will be administered on Monday.

Bible Society Campaign

The British and Foreign Bible Society, represented here by the Prince Edward Island auxiliary, is making an appeal for a war emergency fund in order (1) to maintain and, if possible, to increase the circulation of the Scriptures throughout the world without distinction of friend or foe, and (2) to provide an adequate supply of New Testaments for presentation to all Protestants from Canada and Newfoundland who may be called to proceed overseas in the armed and auxiliary forces of the Crown, and to meet, as far as possible, the increased need for Scripture distribution due to war conditions.

The Society has had, since its foundation in 1804, as its sole object "the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment." From 1914 till 1919 it distributed in connection with the Great War, more than nine million copies in over eighty languages, and in Canada some 434,814 in eighteen languages.

The Bata Industry

The first \$1,000,000 unit of the Bata shoe industry near Frankford, Ont., will include a five-storey factory and 60 brick houses and is

expected to be completed by the end of the year. There will be five such units in the next five years, and a new town of 1,800 employees and their families will be created.

The company has a reputation for efficient production. As for employment and the methods of the company, there will be a five-day working week, and it is stated that wages will be above the minimum and union wages. They will be based on a complicated production schedule and will vary with the output of the individual and of his department.

There will be an age limit of 30 years and the employees will therefore, be engaged for from 10 to 15 years—when their alertness and speed is at its peak. And they will be an intelligent class of workers, for they are to be young men and women who have graduated from high school in the surrounding country, according to a writer in Canadian Business, who says that after they have reached the age limit they will "return to take over the family farm or the village grocery store." A few, of course, will rise to executive positions.

We are also told that life in the model community is not to be strictly "free."

"That is, promotion in the plant does not depend entirely on the skill and efficiency of the worker at his task, but is influenced to a degree on whether he makes a good citizen in the community. And a good citizen, according to Thomas Bata, is one who abstains from drinking and smoking, who uses his free time to advantage and, most important, one who spends his money wisely."

The clerk of the village of Frankford is quoted as doubting the advisability of this supervision. He says: "Canadians are too independent to submit to any regimentation or control, no matter how benevolent, when it comes to their private life."

The company's reply no doubt will be that the employees are offered steady work with good wages and working conditions. That will appeal to a large number of young people and probably give the company all the workers it needs. It is an entirely new plan in Canadian industry, on which there will be differences of opinion. Its operation will be observed with interest.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Damascus occupied this date, 1918.

Summer is now definitely gone, and the falling leaves are with us once more. Taken as a whole it has been an exceptionally good season, and will long be remembered by tourists as ideal for our sea shore and other attractions.

Today, as already mentioned, Government House closes on one of its most outstanding regimes since Confederation. Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. G. D. DeBlois have set a pace which it will be hard for any of their successors to keep up. The pity is that party politics should be permitted to terminate a glorious period of history esteemed and appreciated by all, residents and visitors alike.

Referring to history isn't it a mistake to publish as has been done in a mainland newspaper, a list of military defence names, many of whom, for various and satisfactory reasons, have been exempted? The historian, were he to depend upon such a list, will find himself greatly at sea when he subsequently discovers many of the names mentioned also appearing in other activities in civil life.

Mr. Adrien Arcand, "fuehrer" of Canadian Fascists, has suspended activities. His publication, "Combat National," did not make its September appearance and his public meetings in Quebec have ceased. It was understood that his retirement followed a bit of "advice" from Captain Ennis of the Montreal police department's subversive movements squad.

It is a mistake to think that the war is to be an excuse for a government or governments being permitted to do what they jolly well please. Laurier in 1914, 15, 16 refused to consider entering a coalition because he considered it more important to lead the loyal opposition in checking and criticizing the Government's policy and activities. It was the result of this that Sir Sam Hughes was replaced by Major-General S. C. Mewburn, just as Hon. Ian MacKenzie has been succeeded by the Hon. Mr. Rogers. Mr. Manion has adopted the same attitude as Sir Wilfrid—that of watchful waiting and effective criticism when the occasion requires it.

Herr Hitler is very inconsiderate of universities. Not only has he shut down 75 per cent of his own but has interfered with Canadian courses as well. Professor E. R. Adair of the Department of History at McGill University is about fed up with having his extension courses in history shot from under him by Germany. As a result the courses, which are open to the public, are likely to be abandoned. Before Germany took over Austria he announced a course on "Historic Background of Current Problems." Austria disappeared. The following year he said he would deal with Czecho-Slovakia. That too was swallowed up by the Hitler regime. This year's course was to have dealt with the "Difficulties of Poland." Now, to all intents and purposes, Poland has gone the way of the other countries.

Births in this Province during the first quarter of this year totalled 487 legitimate, and 32 illegitimate. Still births numbered 16. Deaths, (exclusive of still-births) were 334; deaths under one year, 52, under one month, 19. Marriages totalled 86. Live births in Canada during the first quarter numbered 55,677 (preliminary figures) giving an equivalent annual rate of 20.0 per 1,000 population, as compared with 56,117 births and a rate of 20.3 for the first quarter of 1938. There were 2,332 illegitimate births forming 4.2 per cent of all live births, as compared with 2,470 and a rate of 4.4. Stillbirths amounted to 1,629 or 2.8 per cent of all births as against 1,611 and the same rate. Deaths totalled 30,136 with a rate of 10.8 per 1,000 population as compared with 28,861 and a rate of 10.5. The natural increase for the quarter was 25,541 giving a rate of 9.2 per 1,000 population, as against 27,256 or a rate of 9.8.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The new volume of the Canada Year Book, 1939, includes these features: An article on the Relationship of the Department of Public Archives to the Historical Records of Canada, followed by a bibliography of Canadian History, contributed by Dr. Gustave Lanot, LL.M., D.Litt., LL.D., K.C., P.R.S.C., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, a special article on the Canadian Historical Background of Canadian Agriculture, by G.S. H. Barton, C.M.G., B.S.A., D.S.C.A., Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture, special articles on Noxious Forest Insects and their Control, prepared by J. J. de Brysse, Ph.Cand. (Louv.), chief, Forest Investigations Department of Agriculture; T. W. Grindley, Ph.D., secretary, the Canadian Wheat Board, Winnipeg, has contributed an article on the Origin, Development and Operations of the Canadian Wheat Board; an extended article on the development of the Press in Canada, together with statistics for all the daily and the principal weekly newspapers and magazines. — Bureau of Statistics.

Permission to establish an elderdown industry in the Eastern Arctic has been granted the Hudson's Bay Company by the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. An area embracing the southern coast line of Baffin Island and all islands east from Cape Dorset, including the area between the company's and the purpose of establishing sanctuaries for the elder ducks and a permit for the collection of eggs, together with statistics for the authority of the Migratory Birds Convention Act, About 1,500 Eskimos live in the elder duck area, and the industry should contribute to the livelihood of many of them at a time when they have little else to do. The ducks are trapped and hunted during the summer months. Under the company's plan Eskimo families participating in the industry will be able to collect elderdown. The natives will be taught how to remove the down without causing the ducks to abandon their nests, as well as the proper methods of cleaning the down. In addition to contributing to the support of the Eskimos, the new industry will encourage conservation of the ducks by the natives. Heretofore the Eskimos had no idea of the value of elderdown and did not use it for any commercial purpose. Periodic visits to the nesting grounds by the native collectors will tend to safeguard the ducks from the effects of natural enemies. Elderdown is much in demand in commerce, and the work of developing the elderdown industry in Canada was first begun in 1933 along the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It was started as a measure of protection for the ducks by impressing on the inhabitants the benefits to be gained by safeguarding the birds and adopting modern methods in the collection of down. The elder ducks deposit their down on their bodies and deposit it in their nests as a soft, warm protection for their eggs. By the exercise of due care some of the down can be taken from the nest without causing the duck to abandon incubation or with interfering with the eventual hatching of the eggs. — From the Canadian Resources Bulletin.

We depended on international law and our rights as a neutral to keep us at peace in time. They depended on our own statutes this time, not to try to impose our will on the war situation. We do not let the war go to our own making, making its own inequalities as between the belligerents. We write an inequality into our statute. We say that even though Britain may blockade Germany successfully, we will interfere in the war to the extent of embargoing arms, thus giving Germany the equivalent of an Atlantic fleet and of a fleet of submarines. This deliberate injection of a new factor into the war is hardly neutral. It is a deliberate and meaningful intervention, but one based on a false premise as to what constitutes neutrality, and one which therefore produces an unneutral result. It is not neutrality to sell all goods, cash-and-carry, to all comers, and if some cannot come here because of the war, to let them go to a third country to buy this on the war, not on us? — New York Post.

It is clear that the small national units are fated to be tossed about from one country to another, one sphere of influence to another, one protectorate to another, until the world, more subservient to the great laws of morality, shall understand that nothing is to be gained by crushing the weak in the name of a superiority based solely on brute strength. Let us not hold the small nations of Europe to blame for their unfortunate plight; it is not their fault that banditry has assumed a leading role in the international scene. But we wish to make this point: a young people which has the great good fortune to consist of a part of a great and mighty power, should be made to believe in itself voluntarily at the best of a nebulous and empty mysticism. And we believe ourselves voluntarily each time we refuse to cooperate with the rest of our great country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and to collaborate in the progress and prosperity of the entire nation, we prefer being a son of an immense, strong country, well populated, well developed, well equipped, well defended, with fewer relics of the middle ages, to remain shut up in our Latinian reservation, with all our ancestral qualities and our ancient and modern handicaps. — Inhabitants of a small country which cannot brush up against its neighbours without contracting a back-ache. — Le Jour (Montreal).

The diplomatic ceremonial of an ambassador "asking for his passport" when it appears that his country is about to declare war has also puzzled many people, who wonder why he hasn't had one all along. The fact is he has had one all along, but it is not his passport which is a special pass to the frontier. This is more of a gesture than anything else, because "his passport" is a document, probably moving arrangements as fast as they can be made. — The New Yorker.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

CORONARY HEART DISEASE MORE COMMON IN THE WELL-TO-DO

It has been amply proven that children of well-to-do parents are more nervous, more anxious, than those of poor parents. This is due to the fact that children of poor children meet so many cares and difficulties that they learn to "take" them as a matter of course. It has also been shown that those who have always been poor in this world's goods, the parents of these children, have better nerves than have adults who live in better circumstances.

An interesting study of how the economic status of the financial condition of individuals has an influence on what is called coronary heart disease (disease of the arteries supplying the heart muscle) is reported by Dr. W. H. Gordon, E. F. Bland, and P. D. White, Boston, in the American Heart Journal. They examined the records of 600 well-to-do patients, and, for comparison, 2800 patients from the public wards of hospitals.

The public ward patients came largely from the low middle class of wage earners, many of whom were able to pay a part of their hospital expenses. The physicians found that the number of cases of coronary heart disease and the severity of the disease was much greater in the 600 patients than in the 2800 general ward patients. The greatest difference occurred in the middle-aged patients in whom the coronary spasms (spasms which cause the symptoms) was found to be twice as frequent in the group of private patients. The difference was most striking in middle-aged men.

I believe the lesson for all of us is very evident. All men and women have about the same amount of infectious teeth, tonsils, intestine which damage the bloodvessels supplying the heart. In fact, the well-to-do should be able to get rid of infections sooner than those who are not so well off. What then causes more cases of coronary heart disease in the well-to-do than in the less well-to-do? The explanation must be the tenseness, the worry, the anxiety of trying to keep pace with one's ambitions in this civilization. Tenseness and anxiety cause spasms of these vessels.

More rest, less worry, a better philosophy of life would appear to be what the middle-aged well-to-do but struggling middle-aged man needs if he is to ward off dangerous attacks of coronary heart disease.

The Legend of Siegfried

(Winnipeg Free Press) Once upon a time it goes the Nibelungen-Lied, a famous German epic of the 13th century, there was a young man called Siegfried, who was the youngest son of King Siegmund and Sieglind. Siegfried was a very venturesome young man, and often went far afield in search of dangerous deeds to do. And on one occasion he attacked and slew a loathsome dragon. And because this dragon had magical qualities, Siegfried bathed himself in its blood, and was immediately covered with a curious horny hide which was invulnerable. But it happened that in the course of this strange rite a leaf fell from a nearby linden tree and came to light between his shoulder-blades of Siegfried and he stuck there persistently. Wherever when Siegfried was bathing himself in the blood, there was a spot that was not covered with the invulnerable hide, and that spot was between his shoulder-blades. Now it came to pass many years later that Siegfried brought upon himself the hatred of the brother of his wife and this brother hired an assassin to murder Siegfried. And because the assassin knew of Siegfried's vulnerable spot he bided his time, and one day when Siegfried was drinking from a fountain the assassin raised his sword, beheading Siegfried's shoulder-blades, which was the backdoor to Siegfried's heart. Whereupon Siegfried died. And that is the story of Siegfried.

Now the moral of this fable is not far to seek. Between the Allied forces and the interior of Germany, whose main fortifications the Nazis boast are invulnerable. Now it may well be that those fortifications are, if not impregnable, certainly only to be had at an immense and unnecessary loss of life. But there is a backdoor to them. And that backdoor is the German people themselves. Sooner or later suppression breeds counter movement, and I, Mrs. Folly Says: YOU know, an awful lot of people in this country are in for a terrible shock if they ever have a fire loss. They are a lot of people of special value—old family pictures, heirlooms, treasures of sentimental value, that are only regular furniture so far as their insurance company is concerned.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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TUBERCULOSIS—ARCH-ENEMY

Str—At a time when the hearts of all are filled with anxiety, it was inspiring to see the unusually large attendance at the annual meeting of the Tuberculosis League, Tuesday, Sept. 26. Those present realized that however deeply they were engaged in fighting the enemy across the seas, yet there could be no let-up in the battle against Tuberculosis, Arch-Enemy, in their very midst. Indeed, Miss Hazel Hart, Canadian director of Christmas seal campaigns, in her address brought out the fact that in deadliness in the last war, Tuberculosis was more powerful than the enemy abroad! She stated that during 1914-1918, more Canadians, "sent" in Canada, died of Tuberculosis, than Canadian soldiers were killed in battle during that period!

Tuberculosis is not now the dreadful scourge it was. Since 1927 when the first Christmas seal first began in Canada, the death toll has been steadily and often greatly declining. But last year there were still 78 deaths from Tuberculosis in Prince Edward Island. Hard-pressed as each will be by responsibilities directly connected with the war, the fine representation at the meeting of the Tuberculosis League, Tuesday, Sept. 26, the little Tuberculosis seals will this year, as in years past, bring health and hope to many, and this message to all—Tuberculosis is preventable—Tuberculosis is curable! I am, Sir, etc.

RUHAMAH SCHEINFELD FRANK



FROM "THE SHEPHERD BOY"

When the red moon hangs over the gold, O little sheep, I have laid me low, My face against the old earth's face, Where one by one, the white moths go. And when brown bee has his sleeping place, And then I have whispered, "Mother, hear, For the owls are awake and the night is near, And whether I lay me near or far, No lips shall kiss me, No eye shall miss me, Saving the eye of a cold white star."

And the old brown woman answers mild, "Rest you safe on my heart, O sheep! Many a shepherd, many a king, I fold them safe from their sorrowing. Gwenever's heart is bound with Tristram dreams of the dappled doe, But the bugle moulders, the blade is still, And the tired men sleep by the walls of Troy. Little child, let me see, they are seals, Knowing me only, Shall I not comfort you, shepherd boy?" —Marjorie L. C. Pickthall.

There are already signs, with the war not yet at its end, that the Reich is internally troubled. Sooner or later those who bow down to Hitler and the Nazis will cry out, "For what do we fight?" When that cry comes and come it will, the Nazi regime will totter and come apart; because there is no bomb or gun or knife, no cruelty or strangling repression, that can finally withhold human beings who are spiritually insurgent. That is the linden-leaf at the back of the Siegfried line. German men and women are just like any other men and women. The Allied leaders know this, and therefore are not prepared for mass assaults on the Siegfried line. They are prepared to watch and wait and play for developments behind the front. Theirs must be superhuman patience rather than superhuman courage. And patience will win. Remember Siegfried!

FOOD WAS SCARCE

LIVERPOOL, England.—(CP)—Because she left her two young children alone for two days with only a loaf of bread for food while she went to a "do" 23-year-old Miss Sarah Ellen Williams was sentenced to three months in prison.

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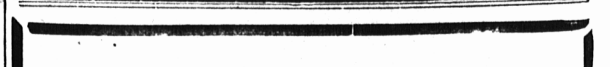
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