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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Campaign Medals Ready

Distribution of campaign stars and medals
to the more than one million members of the
Canadian armed forces and Merchant Navy who
served during World War II will commence about
October 1st, it has now been announced by
Hon. Milton F. Gregg, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

The Minister explains that in the vast
majority of cases it will be necessary for the
veterans to apply for their medals. To facilitate the
application special postage free cards will be
placed in all Canadian post offices. These cards
will also be available in all branches of the
Canadian Legion.

Merchant Seamen and ex-members of the
Merchant Navy will apply to the Department of
Transport, Ottawa, submitting with their
application their certificate of discharge or their
continuous certificate of discharge book. From
this, the Department of Transport will decide
entitlement and forward the medals earned.

Members of the permanent force, however,
will receive their decorations through the De-
partment of National Defence without any ap-
plication being necessary, while certain of the
reserve units will receive theirs in a similar
manner under arrangements already completed.

The next of kin of deceased veterans will
be eligible to receive the stars and medals
which would have been awarded to the veteran
had he not died.

All told the Department will be distributing
a total of eleven stars and medals. Widest dis-
tribution is, of course, the War Medal 1939-45
which was awarded to all members of the forces
with 28 days service. A total of 1,060,000 of
these have been ordered. Next in importance
is the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal of which
approximately 900,000 will be distributed. To
524,000 recipients of this medal will go clasps
signifying at least sixty days service outside Can-
ada.

The other medals and stars to be distributed
are as follows: Defence Medal, 460,000; 1939-
45 Star, 288,000; France and Germany Star
250,000; Italy Star, 102,000; Atlantic Star,
40,000; Africa Star, 12,000; Pacific Star, 10,825
and Burma Star 5,200. In addition 25,870 clasps
to stars will be awarded.

For Careful Driving

With the opening of the school term, news-
papers across Canada are again reminding their
readers of the dangers of careless driving. Motor-
ists should have a special eye to the safety of
the small children during the opening and closing
of school hours. In general, motorists are
more than anxious to prevent a tragedy or an
accident to small children, and it is hoped this
reminder will serve to redouble the vigilance of
the car driver who uses streets in school areas,
where small innocents who hardly know their
way about as yet are concerned.

Also worth re-emphasizing are the hazards
of semi-drunk driving. A statement recently
prepared by the U. S. National Committee for
Traffic Safety for submission to a Highway Safety
Conference is of general application in this
connection.

"Driving while under the influence of an
intoxicant," it is pointed out, "is much more
hazardous than the public realizes. Our attention
is focused on the flagrant cases—the drunk
driver who has a crash, who kills or injures.
There is a vastly larger number of reputable
citizens who operate motor vehicles after mod-
erate use of an intoxicant. While they are not
drunk in the common sense of the term, the
driving ability of many of them is measurably
impaired. Better understanding of, and a solu-
tion for, this problem must cope with both kinds
of driver.

"The average person who has used an intoxi-
cant in moderation feels perfectly capable of
driving an automobile. He does not realize that
alcohol has affected both his driving ability and
his judgment. The only remedy for this is a
greater sense of individual responsibility and a
more realistic appraisal of one's capabilities and
limitations."

"Lamentable Commentary"

The Winnipeg Free Press, the principal Lib-
eral organ in the Canadian west, has had some-
thing to say about democratic governments and
economic crises. It points out that a crisis has
descended upon the democratic world far more
suddenly and far more severely than was
thought possible. The democratic peoples were
kept unlightened by the very governments that
ought to have informed them. The British Gov-
ernment—"no doubt sincerely," it believes—
allowed its people to imagine, up to a few weeks
ago, that the nation's economic disease was on
the way to a cure, when in fact, it was sinking
to a collapse.

But as for the Canadian Government, there
is some doubt whether it acted even sincerely.
"The Canadian Government, judged by its elec-
tion campaign statements," says the Free
Press, "misgauged the whole situation as badly
as anyone and only discovered what is perhaps
the gravest economic problem of the nation's
history after the polls closed."

Commenting on this statement, the Mon-
treal Gazette says that to suggest that all that
happened was an unfortunate "misgauging," is
to make a statement with one eye charitably
closed in something that resembles a wink. Actually
the misgauging was not made by error but in set
purpose. When anyone spoke of an economic crisis
before the voting, everyone in the Liberal Cab-

inet laughed, with Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe laughing
the loudest.

When in London, less than two months be-
fore the election, Mr. Howe was greatly amused
by reports of a trade crisis. "There will be a
crisis every day now until the next general
election," he said. "No election propaganda is
complete without one."

But the Canadian Government and the Can-
adian people are not now faced with election
propaganda. They are faced with the crisis. As
the Winnipeg Liberal paper sadly notes: "It
has been a lamentable commentary on democ-
ratic politics."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow 13th Sunday after Trinity.

Harvard College founded this date 1636.

Church organizations will be pepped up
now the holiday season is at an end.

Charlottetown cordially welcomes today
the members of the Supreme Council, Ancient and
Accepted Scottish Rite, who are visiting here as
a prelude to their annual meeting at Saint John.

So the private agencies and the Government
agencies in the social welfare field are to be
allowed to continue. There will be plenty work
for both, and properly organized, there should
be little overlapping.

Canada is host to Legionnaires from 21 Com-
monwealth countries. The biennial conference of
the British Empire Service League opens in Ot-
tawa tomorrow. This is only the third meeting
of the conference in this country the previous
occasions being in 1925 and 1931.

Canada is to have an underwriters' labor-
atory in the near future, according to a recent
report. Being able to instal approved electrical
equipment, fire hose, oil furnaces and fire equip-
ment should enable Canadians to get cheaper
fire insurance.

Highway and, to a lesser extent, building
construction in our climate should benefit by
the University of Alberta's development of a
frost resistant concrete. The mixing of tiny air
bubbles in concrete is claimed to make it 20
per cent more durable against water, frost and
alkali soil.

Scotland is holding nothing back in her ef-
forts to ease Britain's dollar shortage. In addi-
tion to exporting some 9,000,000 gallons of
whisky this year the Scots have added the Loch
Ness monster to the Board of Trade's export list.
Mr. Walt Disney is the new proprietor.

There is a lot of money going a-begging ac-
cording to a spokesman for the Central Mort-
gage and Housing Corporation. It has distrib-
uted about \$1,000,000 to Canadian universities for
housing research and to train planners but has
no takers for the balance of a \$5,000,000 fund
for that purpose.

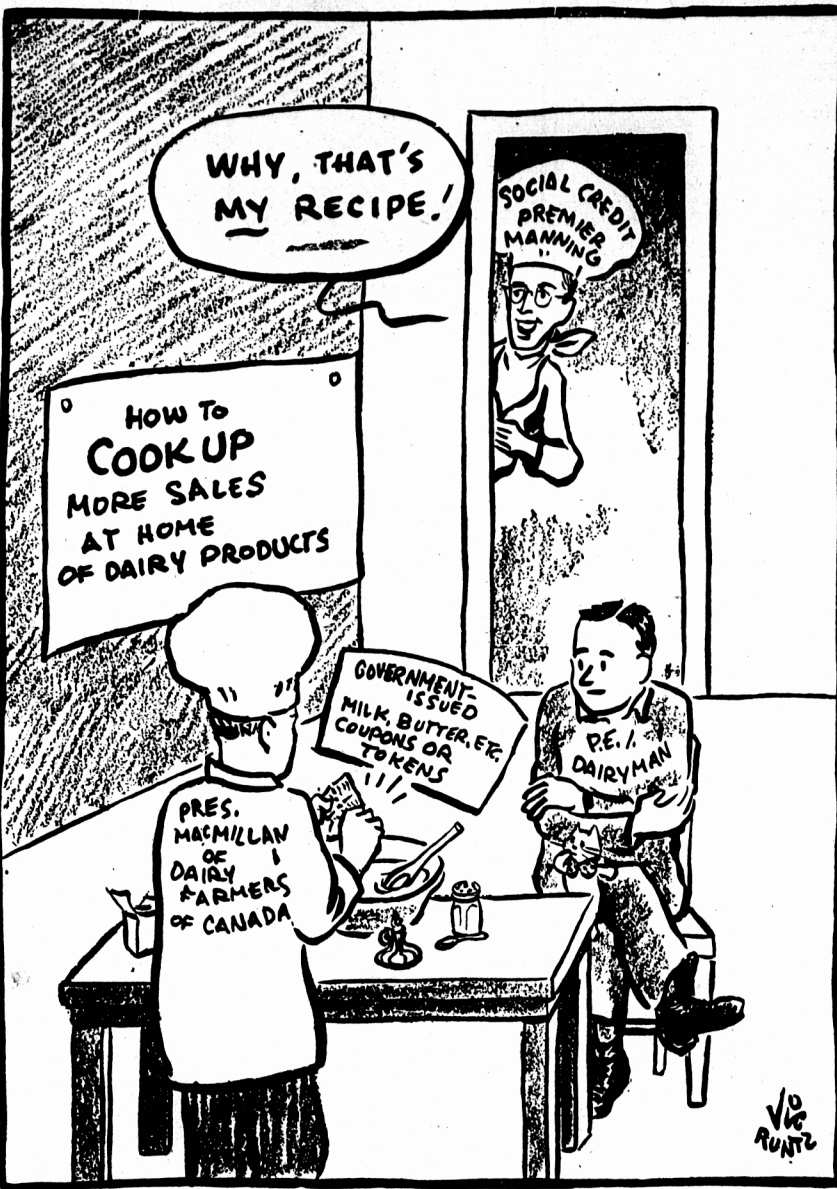
The Church of England in Canada will con-
tinue as a designation for at least another three
years. It was too much to expect that the New-
foundland representatives at the Synod would be
ready to sacrifice their Church's name, as well
as that of their "Ancient Colony" at one and
the same time.

Mary Wolstonecroft, English writer and
first known active suffragette, died this date
1797. She married William Godwin, and their
daughter became the second wife of Shelley. Her
publications include Vivandication of the Rights
of Women, and Original Stories for Children, for
which William Blake drew the illustrations.

Mr. J. B. MacDougald, urging the selection
of ex-High Commissioner Massey as the next
Governor-General of Canada writes: "In May of
this year, speaking before a meeting of the
Royal Society at Montreal, Mr. Massey had this
to say: 'In a country like ours we need every-
thing we can have to remind us what we Can-
adians have in common; of the special things
which give us character of our own. If there are
institutions, customs, habits which can be label-
led Canadian, let us hold on to them tenaciously.
They will help to keep us Canadian. Let us cher-
ish every symbol of unity we possess. National
unity cannot be achieved, nor can any great
question be solved, without a full measure of
national feeling, which all of us can share
wherever we live, whatever language we speak,
whatever we do. Before the flame of a real na-
tional spirit, there are few problems, which will
not melt away.' I submit that those are the words
and that is the spirit befitting the next Govern-
or-General of Canada."

Just ten years ago, on September
10, 1939, Canada officially declared war on Ger-
many and authorized the immediate formation of
two divisions as the Canadian Active Service
Force. Before the war had ended this small be-
ginning had been enlarged to such an extent that
Canada had five Divisions plus two independent
armoured Brigades and numerous other forma-
tions and headquarters in the field. The first
Canadian troops, numbering 7,500 — vanguard
of an overseas army totalling 375,000 — ar-
rived in the United Kingdom December 17, 1939,
just three months after the outbreak of war.
Only 73 Canadian soldiers lost their lives at sea
while en route overseas. All of these men were
lost in the sinking of one small vessel, the SS
Nerissa which was hit by three torpedoes and
sank in four minutes some 120 miles off North-
ern Ireland on the night of April 30, 1941.
Canadian troops in World War II fought in
more countries than ever before and engaged the
enemy in Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland,
Germany, North Africa and Hong Kong. Con-
crete proof that the Canadian serviceman was
a popular ally is the fact that more than 47,000
found wives in almost every corner of the world
while serving overseas. Canadian casualties in
the war totalled 104,196 for the three services
and included 32,046 officers and men killed in
action.

The Chef Doesn't Mind



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

DAVID STEWART'S JOURNAL

Continuation from last Saturday
of the Journal of David Stewart,
Esq. of Scotland, great-grandfather
of Hon. W. F. A. Stewart, pres-
ent Minister of Agriculture, re-
cording his visit to Prince Ed-
ward Island and Nova Scotia in
the year 1831:
"July 13th. This morning
is beautiful, clear without any
clouds. I packed up my things in
a bag and delivered my portman-
teau and portfolio to Mr. Pater-
son the son of Mrs. Thain, the
landlady. I was now ready for
Mr. Smith and ordered some lunch.
He came while I was at lunch with
Mr. Dickson. I had a pint of bad
whisky; they took a glass each and
we set out for the good ship An-
chor. Of course I said nothing
but left all to Mr. Smith who
made the arrangements. We set
sail, got out of the harbour with
some difficulty and had a fair
breeze to Cape George or as for-
merly called Cape Lewis. We were
now becalmed and it was dark;
we lay here until morning.
"July 14th. This morning is
beautiful and serene. The north
coast of Nova Scotia spread out
before us like a picture. The eye
could reach to the left even up
to Port Hood, one of the most
beautiful soft undulating countries
imaginable. Just like some parts of
Hampshire. We now entered the
straits and met strong currents
and tides. The wind died away
and we made little progress. We
continued tacking from side to
side of the straits from one to
three miles wide until we reached
Cape Porcupine. Past this we
could not get. We tacked 20
times and made it but always the
current and tide carried us back,
and now it was night. We looked
for a cove and cast anchor. I
did not much like the 'Ann of
Pictou' and prepared to go ashore
and seek lodgings in some of the
houses near. It was 11 o'clock.
We got up at half past 3
o'clock, left 4 shillings and six
pence with the woman on the
table, and took our departure. Her
name was Macpherson and her
husband was gone to Miramichi to
cut lumber. We hailed our boat
and got on board. A breeze sprang
up and we passed Cape Porcupine.
Previous to stopping at night
we had been becalmed in
the straits and we all went ashore
on the island. I went up the
country and came to a Highland
settlement—got some milk and
learned all the habits of the coun-
try. The people all spoke Gaelic
and nothing else; some of them
understood English. The island is
very rich and beautiful.
"July 15th Friday. This morn-
ing is very fine, we have a small
breeze. We passed Ship Harbour
and soon reached the entrance into
the Lennox passage. We now be-
gan to encounter some fogs but
sailed on and presently the ship
touched some rocks on her bottom
but got clear soon. I became
alarmed as I did not consider that
we had one good sailor on board,
at least not more than one. How-
ever we went on and came to
three or four islands. We had now
the Isle Madame on our right and
the mainland of Cape Breton on
our left. Here the land on both
sides seems poor and nearly flat
but it is all wooded and the small
islands in the passage make the
whole beautiful. Now the wind
got high and headed us; we could
not go on. We went around be-
hind one of the islands and cast
anchor.
"The wind abated and the fog
became dense; however we landed
on the Isle Madame two lady
passengers, viz. a mother and her
daughter, about 11 o'clock. The
daughter of Mr. McLeod, the min-
ister of Glenelg before Mr. McLean
went there. She had been mar-
ried and knew Mr. MacLean and
all the people of that country. We
went on shore with them and left
them with some French settlers
on Isle Madame. The settlers,
could not speak one word of En-
glish, the others not one word of
French. How they spent the night
I cannot tell. They returned on
board, that is Mr. Smith and my-
self and a doctor who had come
with us. The fog continued thick
and we sent for a pilot. He came
and we were bound to St. Peters.
Our pilot left us although fog was
ridiculous that we lost sight of the
boat that took him before it went
100 yards from the ship. Not one
man on board had ever been in
Lennox passage before but Mr.
Smith and he knew little about
it having never been there but
once. We were now about 30
miles from St. Peters but could
hardly see 10 yards. Here it was
proposed to take the open boat and
row into St. Peters. Mr. Smith be-
came wavering and undecided and
20 plans were proposed. I declared
my dissent and stated that I
would not quit the ship to go on
shore but that I was ready to go
on board and presently the fog closed
around us again. We knew how-
ever where we were now and kept
continually sounding. At last we
grounded on a soft bottom near
the pier and soon got on shore.
"Here there is no inn, no public
house. We however were received
most kindly by a Mr. Martin,
an Irish gentleman married to the
daughter of the late Mr. Cavanagh.

The Poet's Corner

TO AN IRISH BLACKBIRD

Wet your feet, wet your feet,
Silver toned he sounds the call
From his bramble in the thicket
At the breaking of the day.
Wet your feet, wet your feet,
Silver toned he sounds the call
From his bramble in the thicket
When the dew is on the fall.
Many times in lands far distant,
In my dreams I hear him play
On his flute within the thicket,
Ere the showers have passed away.
Years have passed since last I
heard him.
Since I said a sad adieu
To the early Irish morning
With the rainbow-tinted dew.
And I still can hear him calling
And the call comes clear and sweet,
And I still can see the mornings
With the dew upon my feet.
Wet your feet, wet your feet,
Silver toned he sounds the call
From his bramble in the thicket
When the dew is on the fall.
—James MacAlpine.
one of the ministers for Cape Bre-
ton and sister of Mr. Cavanagh,
the present member. Mr. Martin
took us all into his house and
treated us in the most hospitable
manner.
"After getting on shore I went
with Mr. Smith to examine the
proposed line of the Canal across
the neck of land at St. Peters.
Here we met a large party of
Highlanders carrying some excel-
lent whisky and a bottle of rum
to the mill. They had come more
than 30 miles by water on the
Bras d'Or Lake and more than 30
miles to go by water after crossing
the neck of land at St. Peters.
The neck itself is about 500 yards.
This Canal should be cut immedi-
ately which would be highly ben-
eficial to the whole Island, also to
all the British Colonies in North
America.
"We were now overtaken by a
shower and got completely drench-
ed in the rain. We got two of
the Highlanders for guides and
traversed the neck of land back-
wards and forwards in two places
in order to see which was the best
for the site of the Canal, and we
were both of the opinion that the
place pointed out by Mr. Hall was
the best. We examined the place
very minutely and are decidedly
of the opinion it should be car-
ried into effect as soon as possible
and that it will amply repay the
expenses if done immediately. This
subject would require an ample
report. We returned to Mr. Mar-
tin's as wet as possible, got some
refreshments and dry clothes, and
retired early to rest. I lay down
on a sofa and slept well."

The Age-Old Story

Ephraim shall say, What have
I to do any more with idols.
A New York designer has cre-
ated a new double skirt. A nar-
row apron top skirt is smoothed
and shaped over a flare-backed
underskirt.

Notes By The Way

To commemorate a recent inci-
dent in which a pair of robins
nested and hatched a family of
six in the lectern, a clock and
an embroidered linen cover for the
lectern Bible are being provided
in All Saints' Church, Ringsfield,
Suffolk, about 80 people from all
parts of the country have written
to the rector, the Rev. H. S. Ver-
rells, about the robins. He has
had printed for dispatch to them a
detailed account of what he de-
scribes as "a trivial but charm-
ing incident." — London Times.
... Just because we are more de-
pendent than the rest on the
world-wide flow of trade, Britain
must be looked to for leadership
and be blamed if things go wrong
for everyone. We are skilled in
persuading ourselves that our trou-
bles come from ill-luck, from our
great efforts in the war, from the
inconsiderateness of Americans in
letting their post-war boom end;
but no one else believes it any
longer. To the rest of the world
it is plain that the British peo-
ple are expecting a higher reward
for their work than, in a competi-
tive market, it is worth. Either
they have to work harder, or more
efficiently, or else the reward—the
British standard of living—has to
fall. That is the meaning of all
the talk about the devaluation of
the pound. There is no point in
arguing whether or not the fore-
ign verdict is "fair." What mat-
ters is that the opinion, true or
false, is hardening fast. — Man-
chester Guardian.
A young pilot went up from
Barksdale Field, Louisiana, the
other day in a jet fighter plane
and at 10,000 feet flew into a
storm. He prepared to bail out,
unhooked his belt and was suck-
ed swiftly out of the cockpit. The
plane, going from under him at
350 miles an hour, crashed far be-
low; the pilot floated down by
"chute and landed in the branches
of a tree. This incident in the
life of an aviator will soon be for-
gotten by the world, but quite pro-
bably may endure as a family
anecdote. A century ago those same
pioneers told stories to their
grandchildren: "So we were awak-
ened in the dead of night by the
yell of Indians among our horses,
and I climbed out of the wagon
with my rifle, crept a hundred
yards, through the camp, walked
into a Redskin, we fought, and I
killed him." "Then what did you
do, grandpa?" "Oh, I just went
back to sleep." Charles Cole of
Barksdale Field did when he got
free of his parachute and climbed
to earth — slept there on the
ground until awakened at dawn by
a farmer's rooster. His grand-
children should hear of that flight.
—New York Sun.
A New York visitor wrote to
this newspaper about our liquor
drinking habits. She pointed out
she had been to a dance at one of
our chief hotels, and that all the
patrons had bottles under their
tables and that, quite openly and
brazenly, in defiance of the law,
they poured their own drinks. This
woman, asking pardon if anyone
thought she was butting into our
affairs, said she thought cocktail
lounges would obviate much of the
drinking that she was going on.
What particularly impressed her
was that as the dance neared its
end people started gulping drinks
of almost straight liquor in an ef-
fort to finish the bottle. She said
she saw people who had merely
been feeling good throughout the
dance suddenly become very drunk
as the bottles were drained in a
great hurry. This woman is, of
course, quite right in her observa-
tions. — Vancouver News-Herald.
Britain cannot remain the
world's great banker and trader if
the world does not think she can.

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