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

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Business In The Maritimes

The latest review of the Bank of Nova Scotia reports business in the Maritime Provinces as being "extraordinarily active."

The pronounced extent of the upturn is the direct result of war activity—of military construction, of expanding heavy industry, of port business, and of shipbuilding.

Operations in the heavy industries continue to expand; employment in the iron and steel group was nearly 60 per cent higher in the past Winter than a year earlier.

The three main primary industries of the Maritime Provinces have naturally shown, less expansion than the strictly war industries, and have been handicapped by wartime problems of labour shortage and of transportation.

Nevertheless, conditions in rural areas have probably been somewhat better than during the previous Winter. Country store sales averaged 13 per cent higher in the first quarter than a year earlier.

Tax Exemption Racket

The formation of some form of provincial hydro-electric power system is being mooted in Quebec. Apparently the major objective of the government, says the Financial Post, is to save Quebec power consumers the corporation income taxes now paid by Quebec power firms to the Dominion government.

In the West, the wheat pools have the same idea. They operate as business enterprises, following the practices of the private line elevator companies, even to the extent of having shareholders.

There are, says the Post, numerous public ownership and "co-operative" companies in other fields—insurance, transportation, in fact almost every conceivable field of business.

The Dominion seems willing to permit a certain amount of such tax evasion. But as the group of corporation taxpayers narrows and the number of tax-free enterprises increases, a situation will be reached wherein Dominion government revenues are gravely imperilled.

It may be taken for granted that when that stage is reached—or before—the Dominion tax-collectors will review the situation and draft a new form of corporation income tax which will bring all business firms—no matter how they are run—into a common scheme of taxation levying with equal justice upon all.

This might take the form of a sliding scale of taxes on gross revenues or of an arbitrary definition of "profits" for tax purposes.

point, the public ownership and co-operative forms of business will lose some of their present appeal.

The flight to the tax-free area of business can provide only temporary escape from the realities of the cost of governing this country.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Convocations are the order of the day.
Red Cross Campaign still on—until next Saturday.

The fire chiefs of the Maritimes begin their A. R. P. instructions at Amherst, Mass. today.

What about that salvage—did you forget to put it out and advise the Salvage office!

It was a great—and much appreciated—parade of Air Cadets Saturday.

Maritime motorists have to be content with two gallons of gasoline instead of five because tanker sinkings by the enemy have created an acute shortage.

Farmers are now too busy to worry about anything other than sowing and planting. But they do appreciate the opportunity of getting to town, even if it be in a neighbour's truck.

Chicago has abandoned its 42 year old International Livestock exposition for the duration of the war. This leaves Charlottetown practically alone in both Canada and the United States.

Our neighbours becoming critical, Brig. Gen. Charles Green, assistant Minnesota adjutant general, declared Canada has been lax in providing Hudson Bay defences, thereby helping endanger Minnesota's vital iron ore supply and docks.

On the strength of "X" rays and other indications "quints" were expected to arrive in a soldier's home in Abingdon, England on May 12. In anticipation of the great event neighbours and friends knitted lavettes and other necessities.

Joseph Butler, D. C. L. Bishop of Durham, born this date, 1692; clerk of the Court of Queen Caroline and preacher in Rolls Chapel—the Master of the Rolls ranks next to the Chief Justice of England; was Bishop of Bristol and Dean of St. Paul's before being raised to the bishopric of Durham; his fame rests on his "Analogy of Religion," regarded as one of the greatest intellectual achievements in theology.

It is well from time to time to stop and look back to origins. Sincerity, for instance, means "without wax," reminiscent of the days when furniture makers in old Rome used to fill up cracks and holes in their products with wax to hide the blemishes.

Justice Minister St. Laurent's first judicial appointments follow the customary political lines. Hon. Wilfred Girouard, Quebec Attorney-General, and Hon. Bernard Bissonnette, Speaker of the Quebec Legislative Assembly, have been raised to the bench.

A remarkable career, possible, I imagine, only in France, says The Spectator, is outlined in the last letter de la France Libre. Rear-Admiral Georges Thierry d'Argenlieu has lately been appointed High Commissioner for Free France in the Pacific.

The wheeze about Wagner's music not being as bad as it sounds is a more liberal interpretation. Arthur Rodzinski, Polish-born conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra, has found a new Germanian composition with the astounding title Rule Britannia.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Although nobody will ever accuse Canadians of being vivacious it appears that they are extremely glib.

Some statistics have come to hand about the use of telephones in the world at large which show that Canadians made 216.3 calls for every man, woman and child in the country in the year 1939.

Civilian pilots are playing a creditable part in the Battle of the Atlantic. Amateur airmen who formerly used their private radio-equipped planes for commuting and vacation travel have come in for high praise as members of the Civil Air Patrol.

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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"Even if victory is attained on the battlefield, on the seas, and in the air this victory will only be possible if everybody gives to it all that he or she has to give."

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

DEHYDRATION OF VEGETABLES

On Saturday's Charlottetown Guardian there appeared an editorial on the dehydration of vegetables telling of an opportunity which is of the utmost importance to Prince Edward Island.

THE FARMER

He may not know war's gain or loss. Nor tread the glory road to fame. He will not glory in ribboned cross. No marbled shaft shall bear his name.

GASOLINE AND LIVES

For January, February and March retail gasoline sales in Quebec are up over the same period in 1941. In Ontario, even rationed April is estimated as having a higher gasoline sale total than last year.

THE CURFEW LAW

In reference to a letter in your issue of this date regarding the new curfew law and your editorial note in connection with same, I would like to remind you that, notwithstanding the fact that several organizations recently, and within a week or two of each other, passed resolutions favouring this new law, receiving considerable publicity, no mention has been made of the Children's Aid Society.

ANOTHER CITIZEN

The immunity from criticism which the hostile dictators enjoy is sometimes cited as an advantage in waging war. That is a feeling on the part of a German whose genius was seized by Hitler.

THE VALUE OF CRITICISM

The London Times writes: "The immunity from criticism which the hostile dictators enjoy is sometimes cited as an advantage in waging war."

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Listing Of Tourist And Travel Accommodation

If you have not already sent in your listing form please do so immediately, as the new list will be in the hands of the printers on May 20th, and any forms received after that date cannot be included in this year's listing.

BOOK YOUR COAL SUPPLY

The fuel controller is advising the public to secure their coal requirements early in order to avoid any possible shortage later in the season.

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