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

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Mr. Howe's Assurances

Our local contemporary comments Hon. Mr. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, for having "hit back" at those who were criticising Canada's war production efforts.

Take the case of this Province for example, where we have been totally neglected in the matter of war material contracts. Mr. Howe recently stated that not only were big plants being utilized to their maximum productive capacity...

Take our railway wharf project, which was to have been completed last year, and for which the money had been voted by Parliament. The Board of Trade recently passed a resolution...

"Anyone who will take a railway journey through the Maritime Provinces will see our railways taxed to capacity," said Mr. Howe.

"The ports are overtaxed in the effort to move the produce of Canada destined for the war areas. Anyone who will take that trip should reflect on the fact that this situation is caused by the productive capacity of this country."

Is Prince Edward Island still in the Maritime Provinces? Are our ports "overtaxed" or our productive capacity being utilized as it could and should be? Mr. Howe knows the answer.

If all the statements of the Minister of Munitions and Supply are on a par with the above quoted statement, is it any wonder that there is criticism from one end of Canada to the other with regard to his administration?

Repudiated With Disgust

The message which Mr. Wendell Wilkie left to be broadcast to the German people on the eve of his departure from England is made the text of an editorial in the Kitchener Daily Record...

U. S. Seed Potato Market

The current issue of Commercial Intelligence Journal contains the final report of Canada's assistant trade commissioner in New York on the seed potato market situation in the United States.

The State of Maine produced nearly 45 per cent of all potatoes certified throughout the United States and its production of 8,466,186 bushels was 34 per cent higher than that of the previous year.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of the subjects mentioned in the title. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

Sir—In previous letters I have outlined conditions caused by long-range weather or death of the family bread-winner. I have made comparisons to prove that such conditions were an injustice. I have also maintained that it was a Christian duty to help.

Now I finally suggest a brief of a plan to correct this situation. It is: That the Government appoint an independent, non-political Commission to which applications for assistance be made. The Commission would have an investigation made, then recommend applicants and advise the Government of the amount and duration of assistance necessary.

Let, when the adoption of a plan similar to the one outlined here is requested at the last session of the Legislature instead of adopting it, they appointed a committee of M. L. A.'s to investigate the Public Health conditions.

Why an investigation when the conditions were already known? And why, after allowing these conditions to continue another year while the individuals, clubs, societies, and all organizations must demand that justice be done.

Therefore I conclude with this appeal, that all Christians make an effort to have this situation corrected. If they do not, can they have a clear conscience realizing that sick people, widows and helplessly hungry with the hazard of increased illness, suffering, death and sorrow?

Let your actions be your answer. I am, Sir, etc.

HUMANITARIAN COOPERATIVE MARKETING

Sir—Congratulations to Mr. P. A. MacIsaac M.L.A., on his able and timely address on Orderly Marketing of sheep and hogs.

Why it is necessary to have to take up one's time, to try and get the farmers to go in for co-operative selling and buying is more than I can understand, especially when the Government has been taking place in the last twenty years, by the high policy of each farmer trying to operate on his own.

In the good old days, when farmers had money, business was carried on by the old fashioned firms, which were family affairs, operated in the same manner for generations, and these firms in turn did business with their personal friends made up of the same farmers and their sons.

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fresh, his hogs before they pass a certain weight, set by the packers, his milk and cream the same day unless he belongs to a Co-operative, when the butter and cheese can be held for a reasonable time.

The tariff on butter, etc. protects the money interests who control the cold storage plants, when they buy it in the summer and sell it in the winter, but the primary producer gets no benefit from that protection.

Business conditions have changed, and today there is no one vitally interested in looking up markets for the farmers, except ourselves, and that is why we must get back to the old system of co-operation, except that instead of co-operating with the old fashioned merchant, who has gone out of the picture, they must co-operate among themselves by electing from among their number a small group of men, who will take the place of those who once looked after our interests while protecting their own.

These who argue against co-operation, are men who think they can get ahead of the other; by getting a better price for what they have to sell by peddling it around, which is the greatest mistake farmers can make; because after all the highest they can get is well below what all would get if they controlled marketing for this reason.

There are a number of packing plants, all depending on working to capacity for a few results. Too little capacity for a few results. Too little capacity for a few results.

The plant with the shortage will get in touch with some drover and offer him an advance over the cut price of the other, and the farmer who sells to him thinks he is smart because he got a half or three quarters of a cent more than his neighbour, who happened to ship to the glutted plant. But he is mistaken.

If all the hogs shipped from the Province or killed in the local plants were sold under one selling agency, they could be supplied in such a way that there would be no glut and so that there would not be any time when a plant would be idle, and in this way both packing plants could pay a better price and still make money.

I am glad to see that there is one Member with the courage of his convictions and again take my hat off to Mr. MacIsaac, and before closing I wish to say it is high time our two representatives, the Hon. Horace Wright and Mr. C. C. Baker, made their position clear on the matter, because the last we heard of them was at a meeting in Kenignon.

When they were asked to express their views on this important matter, Mr. Wright said he was there to listen, not to force his views on the voters.

I do not think an expression of opinion on the part of anyone, even a member of the Government, should be considered as an expression of views on the people. The people need leadership and if they do not get it in one way they will get it another.

Controlled marketing is only one reason why our farmers should get together, the others are far more important, but to explain them would make this letter too long.

Yours for better prices for the products of the farm. I am, Sir, etc.

BALKED WAR JOB

LONDON (OP)—George Jarvis, 17-year-old turner's improver, was jailed for stealing a three-jaw chuck holding up production of a vital war job for five days.

Mrs. Umeno Itabashi, aged 26 of Wakamatsu, Japan, has given birth to her third set of quadruplets.

FARM MARKETING ACT, ETC.

Sir—In the Summerside Journal of February 10, there is a resolution passed by the Summerside Board of Trade, calling on the Executive Council for its approval of the Sheep and Swine Marketing Plan, and causing it to become law forthwith.

The boosters of this plan have not shown where an increase in prices to the producer could or would be obtained by its adoption.

We already have shipping clubs functioning along this line, and they seem to be doing as good a business for the producers as they could if this legislation now asked for was in force.

There has been a number of meetings held throughout the country, and as far as we could learn the majority of the producers at those meetings were not in favour of this move that has been suggested.

We all wish the prices to farmers could be increased and kept a little higher than they are at present, as there are many lines of farming that not only do not pay for the labor but in many cases do not pay the actual outlay of cash for production.

As I understand the Act the independent drover is to be shut out altogether, a move that would cause a great deal of inconvenience to many producers, and lessen the competition amongst buyers, and as competition is the life of trade, we as producers will necessarily welcome as much of it as possibly can be kept going.

The trend of this resolution is to...

The Post's Corner

LETTER TO SIR CHRISTOPHER WRAN This roar of batteries at length will cease, and smouldering fires will reach staunch men of Britain, in the ways of peace.

Will re-create that England they defend which England they defend which England they defend.

From blackened ruins, ancient, crumbling walls Will rise a London reared upon the old.

To shape the future landmarks near St. Paul's Which centuries past your artistry foretold.

So, good Sir Christopher, awake from sleeping, Walk gently through the streets with rule and chart, While sound of trowel on stone consoles the weeping—Bring forth the dream so constant to your heart.

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