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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Products Marketing Act

The main object of the new Agricultural Products Marketing Act is "To fix the price or prices, maximum price or prices, minimum price or prices, or both at which the regulated product, or any grade or class thereof, may be bought or sold in the province; and may fix different prices for different parts of the Province."

The success or otherwise of this important legislation will depend almost wholly on the wisdom exhibited by the Government in drafting and approving the regulations to be enforced, and appointing the right type of men to constitute the Board.

On Being in Debt

Although still within the memory of living man, the hardy spirit of independence has so far as this generation is concerned become legendary. We still hear and often read stories of these men of the past whose pride of independence was at times almost fierce.

Conquering Drought

After five years of patient research a group of Canadian scientists engaged by the Federal Department of Agriculture believe they have succeeded in developing a species of deep-rooted grass that will arrest the havoc of drought in Alberta and Saskatchewan and restore fertility to the eroded soil.

growing wheat. Tall, vigorous stalks of the new grass are now thriving in the greenhouses of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa. All that its creators hope for is that the same measure of success which has attended their efforts in the laboratory and nursery will mark the real tests on the prairies.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We are now told in all seriousness that the Germans are working on a time schedule, and the time for the attack on Britain is coming this summer, from the air base at Stavanger, Norway.

In order to encourage American Tourist trade, the Royal Bank is issuing a booklet to its American customers and correspondents advising them to "insist on receiving the full official premium on every American dollar you spend in Canada. You are entitled to it."

Charles II. proclaimed King for the second time this date 1660. To satisfy popular discontent at the Dutch War, (1665-7) he dismissed Prime Minister Clarendon, who was succeeded by the Cabal ministry, during which was made the secret Treaty of Dover, which nullified the triple alliance with Holland and Sweden, and bound Charles hand and foot to Louis XIV.

American interest in Greenland as a region that falls under the Monroe Doctrine is signified by the announcement that a United States Consulate would be established provisionally at Godthaab. In making the announcement the State Department said that, "since communication between Copenhagen and Greenland has been interrupted, direct consulate representation has been deemed advisable by the United States and by the Greenland authorities."

There is precious little "stop-the-war" sentiment in the old country judging by by-election results. The anti-war elements suffered another defeat when Commander T. D. Galbraith was returned to Parliament as a National Conservative, as successor to Sir John Gilmour, in the Pollock Division of Glasgow. Commander Galbraith polled 17,850 votes as against his unofficial Labour opponent (who favoured an "end the war" policy) who registered only 2,401 votes.

The drive to curtail wastage of foreign exchange on unnecessary luxuries, initiated by Mr. Graham Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada, may soon be stepped up. As it is, any one holding American securities who does not turn them over by the end of this month to the Government, will be unable to realize on them.

This is the London Spectator's view of the crisis in Norway: "The power of Germany's air-fleet is immense, and if the Allies keep German ships and German troops from Norway, they cannot keep German aeroplanes off. They can only meet them in battle, and judging from the results of recent combats on the Western Front and over Scotland, the prospect can be awaited without apprehension. One thing at any rate is certain, and there is no danger of its being ignored in either London or Paris: Norway must be rescued at almost any cost. That is at this moment the first and dominating necessity."

"The Man in the Street" in the old country prefers Chamberlain for his caution and deliberation to any fiery patriot guilty of a second Gallipoli. They don't forget that at seventy he flew to Munich to prevent, if at all possible, a world war involving the British Commonwealth of Nations. They realize he knew how unprepared we were for such a conflict, and that he was willing himself to go to any lengths to avoid the ruthless sacrifice of our youths and manhood, and that it was not until the Fuehrer spurned all peaceful settlement that he allowed war to take its course. Since then his has been the master-mind developing preparedness—preparedness that should have been in evidence since 1920 but for the iniquitous policy which sacrificed our Navy, Army and Air Forces on the altar of a false and tragic pacifism.

We have to hand it to European nations that they recognize the importance of home defence—the protection of domestic interests and the virtue of self-sufficiency. A police order has been enforced in Germany forbidding youths under eighteen loitering after dark. Alcoholic liquors smoking, dance-halls, cabarets and variety shows are prohibited either wholly or at late hours. In issuing the order Goering says: "Those who use the darkness to show and develop the bad qualities of their characters cannot be regarded by me as German boys and girls, but I shall see in them those young people who want to become bad men and women."

NOTES BY THE WAY

France and Britain are all that stand, today, between freedom and subjugation under the bloodstained hands of Hitler and of Stalin. Let us not deny the truth. It is needless to turn back the pages of history in search for remote causes of the world tragedy of today. There is no nation in the world, not Britain nor France nor Scandinavia—nor the United States—which has not parts in history for which they feel shame. But none of this matters. It is not of the cruces nor the heroisms nor the misdeeds of generations now dead we must think, today. To those who try to argue in specious futility that the outcome of the war in Europe is of no concern to America, let the question be addressed: What of the world, and this country, if Germany is victorious? What of America and the British fleet is wiped from the seas and a German navy takes control of the Atlantic? — Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

Carpets have been made in Persia for over four thousand years. But the most typical carpet, the knotted pile, is a product of the last few centuries. It is a product of historic or symbolic, its borders geometric, although many are abstract, conventionalized flower and tree designs. Each knot is tied separately, and a good carpet has 40,000. Among the tribal people and the villages a whole family often work at one carpet for years. The irregularities which result are intentional, to avert the evil eye, which is believed to be attracted to perfection. — Rosalie Slaughter Morton.

Motorists who continue to drive, although aware they are apt to be taken in the wheel at any moment, are found guilty of gross negligence, according to a recent ruling of the full bench of Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. In rendering its decision the court said: "Without undertaking to lay down a rule that falling asleep is always evidence of gross negligence, at least it may be said that the danger of driving while heavy with drowsiness is so extreme and so self-evident that one who with knowledge that he is in that condition, persists in driving without making the necessary effort to arouse himself, can be grossly negligent." — Boston Herald.

Former foreign minister of Italy, Count Sforza, who is now in exile, the other day said: "One must never forget that the great discovery of the detestable regime of Hitler is that a lie can be repeated a hundred times; and when it is repeated thousands of times it becomes an indisputable truth." These who are anxious or in a position to learn the facts are not likely to be led astray by downright lying. The man who accepts such tactics must sink very low in their estimation when they find how little respect he has for the truth. Unfortunately, when there is complete freedom of utterance, a large number of persons are so inclined to believe what is told them, without taking the trouble to investigate its truth, that its repetition has results similar to those in dictatorships. — Hamilton Spectator.

It has recently been found that motorists with a perfume exhaled from their automobiles have a positively beneficial influence on the atmosphere, by converting the oxygen of the air into that powerful oxidizing, and, therefore, purifying, agent, ozone. Essences of perfume are not only used in perfumes, but also in the refreshing eau-de-Cologne, Anise, nutmeg, thyme, narcissus, and hyacinth flowers, mignonette, heliotrope and lilacs of the valley also develop ozone; in fact, all flowers possessing a perfume appear to do so, whereas those having none do not. It is suggested that when people say they like flowers, they do so, not altogether because of the bloom, but because these are capable of charming the air with ozone to a likeable degree, and in consequence more vigor is derived when breathing. The more the surrounding air attracts our fancy, the deeper we breathe, and the better in health we become. A bow of roses is not only beautiful, but strengthening. — Armchair Science London.

Last year the Clark's Nutcracker, a heavy built bird about ten inches long with grey body and back and white wings and tail, appeared along the highways of southern British Columbia, and was much talked of as a new bird. The bird normally resides in the coniferous forests of the Rockies, but, being of unpredictable habits, it may suddenly appear and make a protective stay in regions where it is unknown to the majority of the people. It is a member of the crow family, and the quality of its usual conversational voice has the typical harshness of this tribe. Nevertheless at mating time a soft, soft, melodious and of considerable duration, is a feature of their courtship. It comes into camp almost as freely as its relative, the chickadee, and is called in some localities is called "Camp Robber." One of the delights of an early Summer morning stroll in the parks is to come upon a small party of Clark's Nutcrackers performing their peculiar gymnastics and loudly discussing the neighborhood topics. — Canadian Resources Bulletin.

Vitamin E, known as the fertility vitamin from what germ, is being hailed in medical circles in London as a probable cure for hitherto hopeless diseases of muscle weakness and nerve degeneration. It is also seen as a possible means of protecting children against infantile paralysis and adults against one horrible result of syphilitic infection, locomotor ataxia. Striking results in treating more than a score of human patients suffering from muscular atrophy and fatal muscle weakness and nerve degenerative diseases with Vitamin E are reported by Dr. Franklin Bicknell, honorary physician to the Farrington Dispensary in London.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

EVERY VOTER'S DUTY
Sir:— As there has been a bill brought into the P. E. Island Legislature to legalize the sale of beer and wine in this Province and there is to be a plebiscite presented to the people by which to sanction or reject this bill, and as the evil consequences of this traffic are a foregone conclusion, people need to be aware of how they deal with this plebiscite. For the person who would vote for that bill would render himself or herself accountable for all the evil consequences that would follow in the trail of the traffic, because they have authorized it by their vote. The person who would refuse or neglect to vote at all would fall under the same condemnation as the voter at the ballot box of men said "he that is not for me is against me," and "he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." So you see that the person who doesn't gather with the people who are endeavouring to suppress this evil is as guilty as the promoter of the evil, so that they cannot escape. Let all of the people make sure that they go to the polls and register and rid themselves of all responsibility of the evil of this traffic and throw their back on the Government. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, W. S. MUTTART North Carleton, P. E. I.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT
Sir:— That our prohibition law has suffered from indifferent enforcement, there is no room for question, neither is there any doubt of the fact, that as the law suffers the people suffer. It is foolish indeed in view of what history relates, to even suggest Government Control as a substitute. To refer back: When the present Government came into power it found the prohibition law administered by a Commission, the members of which were the nominees of the temperance people. A truly hangman's job, the enforcement of temperance law, is how important as is the office of Premier. Under the Commission the law was sincerely and judiciously enforced. There is no doubt, mischievous as well known to members of commission as elsewhere. However Premier Campbell took the enforcement under his own special charge and he has found the prohibition law administered by a Commission, the members of which were the nominees of the temperance people. A truly hangman's job, the enforcement of temperance law, is how important as is the office of Premier.

A Canadian's Good Work
(Ottawa Journal)
A reader sends us a clipping of a large advertisement from the Star-News of Pasadena, California. It is an advertisement for the first in a series of "Trust in Savings Bank of Pasadena in the form of a personal message signed by James S. MacDonald, president of the bank and a former Canadian." Mr. MacDonald has bought this space to give his views on the war. Obviously he is not a member of the United States and he should take a more emphatic stand. "Wanton breakers of peace are robbers of our patrimony and despoilers of our estate" and he declares that a policy of avoidance of responsibility "will not suffice in a world that is on fire." Daring duty must be faced, and the American people will not accept permanently "a safety that is mean" or the policy of aloofness cultivated by "our fearful and troubled legislators." Says Mr. MacDonald to the people of Pasadena: "We are not wiser than our time. We do not advocate plunging into the inferno; but we feel we are like denizens of a city overtaken by a conflagration, and that ominous winds are blowing. We are not called upon to don the fireman's uniform nor wield an axe, but we are called upon to understand and not hamper the efforts of those fighting on the fire lines. Our own safety requires this much: for what is going on abroad is not a spectacle. It is the decision as to what kind of future we shall share." All over the United States far-sighted and clear-headed newspapers (The Lancet, Jan. 6) "Our diet may in some cases be on the edge of a Vitamin 5 deficiency." Dr. Bicknell charges, pointing out that the most important food source of this vitamin, wheat germ, "is to all intents and purposes never eaten" because it is removed from the wheat flour in ordinary milling process. Other foods containing small amounts of the vitamin may lose it in the course of storage and preparation. — Science News Letter, Washington.

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His Dauntless Heart

(Hamilton Spectator)
As the tide of war ebbs and flows and triumph is followed by what may seem a reverse, it is then, often, that the alarmist and the tongue of rumour begin to do harm among those persons who fail to keep the broader aspects of the struggle foremost in their minds. There have been several of these short periods of gloom since the outbreak of war last September, but always it has remained for Prime Minister Chamberlain to allay fear, strengthen morale and restore confidence. No other man in Britain seems to have such a hold on the people or command such a measure of trust. Lacking all those flamboyant personal qualities usually associated with "the platform presence," and more likely, perhaps, studiously avoiding such touches, Mr. Chamberlain, instead, is always the cool, self-possessed statesman, the English gentleman unafraid, whose calm and dauntless courage nothing can shake. When he speaks, he shuns everything saving the curbing of the orator's impulse, but he does not appeal for him. He chooses understatement, if anything, rather than say something beyond what the cold facts of the moment may justify. He phrases his utterances in the simplest but most precise language; and doing this, he carries a tremendous weight with the British people. When "Chamberlain speaks" they take him at his word, be the news good or ill, and the temper of the national mind is again equal to the stress that faces it. Hitler, panoplied behind bullet-proof glass and surrounded like some Caesar with his hysteresia and unformed rook, can thunder and rant in his great stadiums. But it falls to a mild and courageous man with an umbrella to show the world what calibre of leadership counts for most where men are free and eager for the truth, be it of good or bad tidings.



Poet's Corner

RUBYTHROAT BURIAL
"Thine is the nested silence, and the hush That needs no song." —Edna Proctor Clarke.
A finger-length of loam suffices now For this winged bolt of living jewels Earth's fragrant acres—rose to neared rose. From milkwhite phlox to larkspur near and far, and flared With wings of purple gauze the startled air. Tilting at towers of hollyhock, a flyer is seen. So swift he seemed immobile, poised to whirl A halo round each blossom, shafts of fire. Glimting from ruby throat-plumes that out-flared Both scarlet thorn and salvia . . . Half-fam'd, his rasper plinons warn-ed the bee Or butterfly that dared impugn his claim. To charmed beauty—palpitating wings Now folded starkly round the twisted shape That often melted in prismatic light To petrify in dark beyond escape. Let leafmould overlay the songless throat That envied neither merle nor nightingale, And breathe an Ave for his human kin— The lonely inarticulate who waits In broken cadence on their myth-mic quest. Forbear to mourn the fledgling heart at rest. That mutedly sabred life's precarious But with harmonic finesse hymned the power To feast on Beauty's bloom, yet spare the flower. —Gordon LeClaire, Montreal.

CAPE TOWN.—(CP)—A South African sailor who was on H. M. S. Exeter in the Battle of the River Plate says all during the battle his greatest worry was that he hadn't written home for three weeks.

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DEATH OF LADY GIBB
LONDON.—(CP)—Missing since March 1, a body stated by police to be that of Lady Nora Gibb, wife of Sir Alexander Gibb, who survived Canadian ports and advised on their administration some years ago, was recovered from the River Wear at Durham. She had been ill.

NORWEGIAN WHEALERS RETURN
NEW ORLEANS, La., May 5 (AP)—Five Norwegian whaling vessels have ended the most successful expedition since 1912. They catch in the Antarctic were about 1,000 whales from which approximately 7,000 tons of whale oil was obtained. The fleet docked here Saturday.

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