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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11th, 1944

Farm Problems and Policies

Since the proposal was mooted several months ago in a speech by Mr. John Bracken at Lethbridge, the establishment of a floor on farm prices is now pretty generally conceded to be a necessity in the interests of farm security. It has even been introduced in the form of legislation at Ottawa with the support of all parties. But this is not the only remedial measure which agriculture requires. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in a brief presented last month to the special committee on reconstruction and re-establishment of the House of Commons, summed up the situation in one paragraph. "The very core of any reconstruction program for agriculture," it said, "must be carefully planned measures, designed not merely to stabilize farm prices, but to support the general farm price level and maintain it in proper relationship with other price levels and other elements in our national economy."

Hand in hand with control of prices, it was emphasized, should go more control of the product in the field of marketing. The best plans for stabilizing farm prices and income will be of little or no avail unless they are accompanied by more orderly and efficient marketing. Where control of the product is essential to do an effective marketing job, or to the success of price floors or price stabilization, some form of regulated marketing must be adopted.

In this connection the Canadian Wheat Board was cited as a good example of one form of technique that might be found advisable to employ in the marketing of some products. The Apple Marketing Act in Nova Scotia, operating under the War Measures Act, and Marketing Boards in other provinces, operating under provincial marketing legislation, were examples of another and equally successful technique which could be used to advantage in the post-war years. Best results under marketing by a Government board will be obtained if provision is made for maximum participation by producers in the formulation of policy and administration of plans agreed upon.

The Federation also emphasized the importance of proper international trade arrangements, of the co-operative movement, and of provision for enabling young farmers to establish farms and homes for themselves without having to assume a life-long struggle under a heavy burden of debt. At the present time farm credit facilities are altogether inadequate. One practical step suggested was to amend the policy of the Federal Loan Board so as to provide:

(a) A larger percentage of the capital required for the purchase of farm property;

(b) An increase in the maximum amount which may be loaned for the purchase of stock and equipment, calling only for interest payments during the first two years;

(c) A lower rate of interest on both types of loans.

Parliament is taking action to relieve the farm credit situation by legislation which is now before the House Banking and Commerce Committee. Other proposals of the Federation are also under consideration. Many of these, incidentally, are covered in the Lethbridge speech of Mr. Bracken, above referred to. But the question is too big for party politics. Whether or not there be a Federal general election in the offing, the Government would do well to heed the voices of those raised in support of agriculture by every means within its power.

August Meteors

The stream of Perseids, which the earth encounters annually at this season, is so broad that we take more than a month to cross it. Though it may always be depended on to provide a pretty show, it never produces a spectacular meteoric shower. The August shooting stars are called Perseids because they seem to radiate from the constellation of Perseus, which rises in the northeast around midnight. A Perseid may appear in any part of the sky, even when Perseus is below the horizon.

Before it meets the ponderous earth each meteor is a cold particle of solid matter, usually very small, which for countless ages has been pursuing an elliptical path about the sun. It dashes into our atmosphere at such tremendous speed that it is quickly heated to incandescence and perishes in a flash of glory.

Such is the history of every meteor except the very largest ones. Those that survive their passage through the air and reach the ground are an infinitesimal part of the whole. A body like the moon, which has no protective atmosphere, must be continually pelted with meteoric hail.

Merchant Adventurers

Lord Woolton calls for a new race of merchant adventurers to restore Britain's prosperity in a House of Lords debate on the Government's White Paper on employment. "Are the merchants of this country prepared to resume their Elizabethan quality and go out venturing in the world overseas for trade?" he asked. The prize was not personal profit; that was not enough. The prize was the future stability of our industrial life. "The small population of Great Britain has done more than its share in developing the natural resources of the world—often to our financial gain, but sometimes resulting in the loss of all our invested capital. We have sold all we had in overseas investments, so that when we stood quite alone we could yet continue the fight for the continuance of freedom. We have incurred overseas debts. We have pledged our future. But a new Britain has been born that has a place in history as a people that stood by its pledged word. We are infinitely richer in industrial capacity and we offer that capacity to the world with this assurance—that our goods will be better, and that they will be goods that can be trusted." Lord Woolton said the Government would maintain an economic staff to advise it on the way in which trade and unemployment was going. We should have a manpower budget as well as a financial budget each year.

Retroactive Baby Bonuses

Retired parents who are still living in the nest from which the young birds have flown, says The Printed Word, will find food for reflection in the proposal of the Government to subsidize families. Some of them will doubtless envy the parents of tomorrow who can look forward to a nice Government cheque at the end of every month, and they feel that they should be given a rebate on their family expenditures.

After all, it is only fair that these parents should be reimbursed for the expense they were put to in bringing up their families, and since the Government is in a generous mood, and an election is in the offing, the idea should be a knock-out as a vote-getter. If it was thought too expensive to make such family allowances retroactive in a lump sum, they could be paid in monthly installments, with interest.

EDITORIAL NOTES —

Three more days till Old Home Week.

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Now there is not so much talk at Ottawa about a Fall election—and yet the deadly plunge may be inevitable.

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Whatever other political deficiency Premier J. Walter Jones may have, no one, not even the most fanatical prohibitionist, will deny that he has "got guts".

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It is looking disastrously bad for the Mackenzie King Government, which has been defeated provincially now in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Quebec, leaving only New Brunswick to be heard from before the Federal election takes place.

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Should the Progressive Conservatives win a majority of the seats outside of Quebec, which now seems certain, there will be no difficulty in having Quebec represented in the Government by men of the type of Major Paul Sauve, M.L.A., National Unionist, whose father was Postmaster-General in the Bennett Cabinet, and who himself is overseas fighting his country's battles.

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The Battle of Britain opened this date, 1940; of 400 enemy aircraft which attacked British coastal places, including Portland and Dover, 65 were destroyed against 26 British fighters missing; from this date to Sept. 18, Britain lost 621 planes (under 600 men), and the Germans 1,867 planes (about 4,000 men); an attempt to invade Britain by sea was frustrated by a severe gale which scattered the invasion ships in the Channel.

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Not having been formally invited to join the Pan-American Union, Prime Minister King says there had been consequently no refusal. Mr. King told the House there was much talk about the possibility of Canada joining the Pan-American Union. "Canada has received no authoritative invitation to join the Union," he said. The Union at present was confined to the 21 American republics. A change would have to be made in the Union's constitution and Canada would have to be invited to join.

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Ottawa rumour all revolves around the idea that the very astute Mr. King will try to head a Coalition Government after the election. With all respect for Mr. King's talents in wangling things (says The Printed Word) we doubt it. Unless there is a change in public opinion, the P. M. will have fewer followers in the House than Mr. Coldwell. It will not be Mr. King who will get the chance to form a coalition, and those people who are saying that he will head one do not seem to see this very plain fact. Ottawa Liberals list the P. M., Mr. Howe, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. McLarty and Mr. Macdonald as certain casualties in the next election—in their present seats. They say that the P. M. could switch and find a safe seat somewhere, and that Mr. Macdonald, who would not be elected in Kingston, could be elected in Nova Scotia. They say Messrs. Howe, McLarty and Mitchell are out in any event."

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"No giving back for the Empire, no Sir, what we have we 'hold'." Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Minister of Labour and National Service, at a civic luncheon in Birmingham, said that after the war Britain was still going to be a leader. "Britain is going to take her place, not above, but equally with, the other great nations. But to do it—and we are broke, it is no use beating about the bush, we have spent everything in this struggle and I am glad we have—I beg of the trade unions, the employers, civic authorities, and public officials to carry on in the great objective which I think is a bigger victory to win than the military one. If you do not go through the first decade after this war with concentrated effort both in this country and with the United Nations, I defy any living statesman to build a peace that will not lead to a recurrence of this trouble. Given these conditions of stability and concentrated effort with a common national object to achieve, I believe we can build a peace for which our children will call us blessed.' At the Teheran Conference Marshal Stalin, President Roosevelt, and Mr. Churchill arranged the vital dates for victory, but there was no document, no elaborate, signed agreement. I hope that those three great nations will always be able to work with the same degree of confidence."

Notes By The Way

A Nazi spokesman says, "The There must be a heavy and continuous ferry service nowadays between Britain and the Normandy coast, but we hear nothing of attacks upon this traffic by U-boats Once the weapon with which Hitler expected to win the war, the German submarine has lost its terror and most of its effectiveness.—Amherst News.

The animals seem to be asserting themselves. Proprietor of a filling station in Hartford, Conn., who is quite a deer hunter, found two of his windows smashed the other morning and police told him a deer had jumped in one and out the other. And down in Tulsa, Okla., a civic stenographer who has been drafting a new dog by-law was bitten by a neighbour's dog.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

Sometimes as we have listened to witnesses receiving a gruelling from a smart lawyer we have fancied that suitable punishment for legalities who happen to go to Hades—and possibly some of them will—would be to set them endlessly cross-examining and abusing each other. We fancy that even Satan would get fed up after a while and stop them. — Midland Free Press-Herald.

If the German state perishes the German worker and the last German will also perish, hence we now call upon the German nation to work their hardest and with the greatest mental concentration. It is also the duty of foreigners working in Germany to make their labor available so that our old honorable continent can be defended. We are entitled to demand the utmost also of them, as our tasks are great. — Der Angriff (German).

Cigarette smokers in Canada reached an all-time high during the first three months of this year when they used up 3,022,000,000 tailormades, according to figures published in the Financial Post. This does not include cigarettes sent overseas to the armed forces. More women are smoking than ever before; there is more money around to buy the gaspers; taut nerves from war tension and overwork probably encourage chain smoking. In any event over 3,000,000,000 cigarettes in three months is quite a bonfire—Winnipeg Tribune.

It is pleasant to ponder the possibility that the incrutable Stalin, who is not without humor, conceived the plan of placing a Jew at the head of the army that was to scourge the Nazis halfway across Europe. In any event the retribution that Gen. Chernlakhovsky is exacting from the tyrants who have murdered and consumed his people bears a moral legality and stern inevitability that none can gainsay. The spectacle of this young Jewish field commander annihilating the despoiler and teaching him the real meaning of blitzkrieg restores faith in human destiny. — Moncton Times.

The thundering fact is that we are training a new race of men ...thousands of young men to whom distance matters nothing; to whom the hop from London to Brisbane, let us say, is nothing. We are putting huge numbers of young men of diverse origins and cultures together, all with the same objective. They never think of each other as curious and interesting strangers. They're just Bill from Rhodesia and Lawrie from New Zealand and Sandy from Scotland and Joe from Minnesota—all in the same boat, speaking the same language, thinking the same. They're the new internationalists.—George Blake in a BBC Broadcast.

As an added invasion defence precaution the Germans have instituted an all-out draft of dogs in occupied Holland. The Netherlands underground press reported recently that dogs that have passed their "pre-induction" physical, are considered part of the German Army, even though the owner is allowed to retain his pet pending call to active duty. These dogs, ear-marked for military duty, may not be sold or given away without permission of the German district commander. Anyone disobeying the order will be severely punished by the occupation authorities, the underground newssheet declared. — From Netherlands News Digest.

Ina Ray Hutton is a sleek-figured, husky-voiced blonde, from Chicago, who looks more like a movie siren than a band leader, says James Gordon in The American Magazine. In spite of her misleading appearance, Ina is rolling in $5,000 a week for standing in front of fifteen men, waving a stick and shaking her shoulders. The only girl leader of a top-flight male band, Ina has her husband, Lou Parris, right under her eye in the front row of the band, tooting a saxophone. This is one case where a husband doesn't get a chance to crack to his wife that he has just slunk home from a hard day at the office and please let him alone while he reads the paper. The rest of the band are men who have been playing for years with Dorsey, Spivak, Krupa and so on down the list. The new experience of working for a girl has had them, by turns, bewildered, embarrassed, resigned, and finally admiring.

The prophecies that the army jeep will be a heaven-sent gadget to many a farm after the war have been questioned sharply by Miss Dorothy V. Knibb in an article in "Domestic Commerce", in which she alludes to tests conducted at the Tillage Machinery Laboratory at Auburn, Ala., and at the Pennsylvania State College. She concludes that the jeep will be handy, "amusing," easy to drive, but a little too expensive to operate and not notably efficient at anything. Miss Knibb may be perfectly correct in thus criticizing the jeep for ordinary farm use, but hasn't she overlooked something? The ranchers of the West and Southwest have already watched the jeep in operation and have pronounced it to be exactly what the doctor ordered for riding the range. They say it will go far toward displacing the traditional cow pony for handling cattle in the open country, that it is perfect for riding the fence lines and that it has virtues which neither the horse nor the ordinary automobile possess. If the cattlemen are right in this, the buckaroo of tomorrow will do his stuff on a jeep, and the songs about Old Paint and Little Joe the Wrangler will have to be revised.—New York Herald Tribune.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

PREMIER JONES ON POTATOES

Sir,—Premier Jones made a very interesting public statement Wednesday evening. All the people will agree with some of it, some of the people with part of it, but not all the people with all of it. For instance Premier Jones cannot get over his objection to the growing of potatoes in this Province although our acreage in potatoes does not represent the percentage of our total acreage he quoted as proper, namely twelve per cent. Mr. Jones may imagine a lot about potatoes but those who grow them know this crop is no more unpredictable than any other crop. But it would be in his political interest to give more attention to see that potato growers are protected both in marketing regulations and transportation, otherwise both he and his idol Premier King may find there are too many potato growers not only in this Province but in the Maritimes.

He further claims it costs too much to produce potatoes. What in heaven's name does it cost to produce milk, butter and cheese? The thousands and thousands of dollars of feed brought into this Province in addition to the feeding of that five million dollar hay crop; or does Premier Jones want to count the value of the feed it takes to produce livestock and their products and then add it to the value of these products thus doubling their value? How much of this five million dollar hay crop can be turned into cash brought in from outside the Province? Very little indeed. It goes mostly to feed the stock and its value is absorbed in the value credited other products. No, Mr. Jones, potato growing has always had a place in the farm rotation of this Province and neither he nor any other apostle will every change this practise. Why then continue to antagonize the potato grower by constantly treating this crop as though it were little or of no value, while as a matter of fact it is the greatest cash producing crop we have in the Province, Premier Jones to the contrary?

I am, Sir, etc.,
"GROWER WHO KNOWS"

THE NEW EDUCATION

Sir,—One of the great problems of Canada—including Prince Edward Island — is, where shall we find suitable teachers for our Postwar Age?

Not only have the ranks of the teaching profession been sadly depleted (and usually for good reason) since the beginning of the war; but there is a great dearth of young people now offering for teacher training — as noticed in my last letter. And, doubtless even more serious, is the all too apparent fact that many of our present teachers are not adequate for the task.

The Postwar period demands almost an entirely new agenda of studies in the school-room. It demands new methods of presenting these. It demands most certainly, a new type teacher to take charge of our schools.

The world, in its onward development, has reached the stage of new plastics, man-made rubber and gasoline, transportation by air, new and ever newer types of airplanes and tanks, new medicines, new inventions and techniques in almost every phase and arena of human living — hundreds of new and better ways of doing things and making things which were never even dreamed of a few short years ago. So, are we going to stand still on this extremely vital matter of Education, make no advance to fit it for what this New Age demands?

After all, human beings are more important than things. It is, in the last analysis, for the human being—for his betterment, that all these new medicines and materials and inventions of radios, films, television, new type houses and automobiles, etc., have been given to the world. Man is, himself, above and over all these. And all these new things that science and inventions and ideas have given to the world, will be utterly worthless if, out of the conglomeration, we do not produce a higher type of individual. It is, in this most vital of all tasks, that the Public School should be most concerned. Not, with just cramming the mind of the young individual with knowledge and information — with Latin and French and Algebra and history, even with the more practical subjects. I am not belittleing these—they will probably continue to be part of our school program; but, they must no longer be the paramount, or only, consideration.

Perhaps there was never a truer word written than that penned by John Oxenham at the close of the last war:

"What we lack and sorely need
Is men of a more Godly breed,
For lack of which we bleed, we bleed."

And the school-room of this New Age must consider the building up of this new man and new woman—this "more godly breed" as the supreme end and aim of its work. For, as this present war, must have proved to all intelligent thinking human beings, girls and boys may make the very highest marks in all their examinations on the academic subjects taught in the present schools of our Province—and, in the end what avail it all? If, along with all this information and knowledge, they have not acquired a sound and proper character, how to practice in their living with other human beings all the decencies of civilized living—the "Good Life"? Otherwise, all their "education" — so called, may but enable them to become the greater rascals, or, as is so often the case today, their "education" be thrown overboard at their final exit from the school-room when the lure of the new freedoms and pleasures seem so much more important.

Or, what avail all their grind in their ten or twelve years of school-life if at the end, their lives are cut off on a far - away battle-field, before they have had opportunity to utilize the studies so assiduously garnered for some worthy peacetime profession or calling.

We surely must be blind if we do not realize after this terrible Calvary of war from which we have just begun to emerge, that it is the very lack in the world of human beings of proper character, that has caused this war and former wars—not the lack of brains and knowledge and information and smartness and cleverness, of individuals even "well educated." But, as Oxenham said, our greatest lack has been for "men of a more Godly breed". It is this, that has, primarily, caused the world "to bleed" and will again cause us to "bleed" —if we do not begin at once to train our girls and boys, in every public school in the land—and eventually in all lands—in character education. Let this then be the dominant note—the highest goal, in our New Education:

Girls and boys who know the meaning and practice it in their own lives—honor, truth, self-control, thoughtfulness of others, unselfishness, clean speech and clean living, tolerance for the opinions and beliefs of those of other lands who have had different ideologies from their own, consideration for the aged and infirm—and, perhaps above all, deeply engraved into their lives from their very youngest years, the old-fashioned virtue, which if practiced in everyday living, will "remove mountains" of unhappiness and misunderstanding with those whom they contact.

Let us see to it then—in order to build up this higher-type ("men of a more Godly breed") of world—citizen which we must have if we are never to again "bleed", or if we are to be forever done with war-making—that our public - schools initiate an agenda in the postwar period for right-living—allow time for, and give instruction in—as well as make opportunity for and take oversight of, the practice of kindness and brotherhood and those other decencies and virtues which are of greater value for the maintenance of peace and happiness in the world than are cleverness and learning (of the old kind) —"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity (love - of - others) I am become as a sounding brass ... and though I have all the knowledge..."

Every girl and boy who walks out of even the smallest school building in our land, should do so with an ambition to do something worth-while with his life—to give some worth-while service to the world, for that is largely what the school has been endeavoring to fit them for in all their school-years. Education, above all, should teach individuals to live right. And I mean—the education acquired by every individual in our land in the public school. This living, coupled with knowledge and a trained mind —also acquired in the public schools —will produce the citizen that Prince Edward Island, that Canada—that the world generally, needs so much today. Unless we adopt—put in practice,—this new vision of Education, our world will still remain obsolete and uncivilized; for it is the character of the men and women behind the laws and treaties and conferences, that has most to do with making a true democracy in which brotherhood and kindness are essential qualities. And such men and women are not the product of the laws made by Parliamentarians—however well-meaning. They are built, stone upon stone, and this building is done largely by the public schools in the plastic years of life.

So, where shall we procure suitable builders—school - teachers, to perform such vital and far-reaching service?

Certainly not from young, untried, immature girls.

I have a new suggestion for the procuring of suitable teachers, which I purpose to give in a subsequent letter.

I am, Sir, etc
M. W. F.
Moncton, N. B.

EAST ROYALTY W. I.

Fourteen members of East Royalty Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. N. A. Darrach for their regular meeting on August 3rd. Two welcome visitors were Mrs. MacLean of Clyde River, and Mrs. White of Michigan, U. S. A.

Mrs. MacRae reported a new blackboard ordered for school. Sick Committee reported cards sent, and sick members visited in hospital. Some Red Cross sewing was handed in.

Plans were made to finish quilt for District Convention, and Institutes' part in the program arranged for.

Mrs. Edgar Hearts invited members to her home for September meeting. The singing of the National Anthem closed the meeting, and lunch was served by hostess.

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(Sgd.) LEITH TOWNSEND, President.

(Sgd.) HENRY MALLARD, Secretary.

JUDGING PROGRAM

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

August 16th and 17th

The following are the dates for the Judging of the various Classes at the Provincial Exhibition. Exhibitors will note a complete change in the order of the Classes.

CATTLE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th

Guernseys, Ayrshires and Any Other Beef Breeds.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17th

Jerseys, Holsteins and Shorthorns

HORSES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th

Clydesdales, Percherons and Draft Horses

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17th

Standard Breds and Roadsters

SWINE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th

SHEEP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17th

POULTRY

AUGUST 16th and 17th

SAILORS

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In every slant of breese,
And one great star-beleaguered night
The dimming coast with lamps grew bright,
Like fallen stars, and with delight
We sailed the summer seas.

You steer by Mars and Sirius stars,
As I sit on the shore
And watch a convoy outward bound
Of forty ships or more
To deeps where men are bombed and drowned
And blown to dust—I see them crowned.
From Avalon still outward bound,
As I sit on the shore.

But someday yet our sails we'll set
And out again to sea,
And make our play with wind and tide
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